

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION PER RESOLUTION G-03-19, STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GUIDELINES WAIVER-07-07**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Waiver-07-07, extending the period of project allocation for the Fashion District Streetscape project (PPNO 07-3165) in the city of Los Angeles to June 30, 2008.

ISSUE:

A total of \$1,065,000 is programmed in Fiscal Year 2006-07 for the City of Los Angeles' (City) Fashion District Streetscape project.

Before the Fashion District Streetscape project can be constructed, storm drain systems must be installed at the same location. During the design phase in mid-2006, the City realized that the construction of the storm drains could only occur at night due to the highly commercial location of the storm drains. In late 2006, the City began the permit process to obtain the necessary additional permits for nighttime work, causing the permits process to take longer than anticipated. The City anticipates awarding a contract for the storm drain project by January 2008. The estimated completion time for the storm drain project is five months once a contract is awarded.

When the storm drain project is completed, the City will be ready to request an allocation and begin construction on the Fashion District Streetscape project. The construction will be performed by the City's own construction crews, thus the City will not need to advertise, bid, and award a construction contract. A 12-month extension to the period of project allocation is being requested to extend the deadline from June 30, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

BACKGROUND:

Resolution G-03-19, State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines, adopted by the Commission on December 11, 2003, stipulates that the Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.