

## Memorandum

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT REIMBURSEMENT DEADLINE  
PER RESOLUTION G-06-20, STIP GUIDELINES  
WAIVER-07-19**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve a 12-month extension request, to June 30, 2008, for the period of project reimbursement for the Caltrain Extension to Monterey County project.

### **ISSUE:**

On April 8, 2004, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) allocated \$932,187 in Proposition 116 funds under Resolution BFP-03-04 to the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC). The allocation was for environmental studies and permits, and initial plans, specifications and estimates for the Caltrain Extension to Monterey County rail project.

These phases of the project are taking longer to complete than anticipated due to an unexpected delay in the federal review of the alternatives analysis and environmental assessment. Furthermore, changes in the Environmental Protection Agency's air quality criteria required TAMC to expend federal funds first on this project in order to avoid losing them. This delayed the expenditure of the Prop 116 funds.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Resolution G-06-20, *State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines*, adopted by the Commission on December 13, 2006, stipulates that funds allocated for project development or right of way components of local grant projects are available for expenditure only until the end of the second fiscal year after the year of allocation. The Commission has applied these requirements to projects funded by the Proposition 116 Program.