

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR TCRP PROJECTS,
PER RESOLUTION G-06-08
WAIVER-07-31**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Waiver-07-31, extending the period of contract award for 12 months, to January 26, 2009, for Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) Project #55.1 – Alameda Corridor East; build grade separations on Burlington Northern-Santa Fe and Union Pacific Railroad lines.

ISSUE:

Concurrent with the construction allocation request, the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) submitted a request for authorization for various federal funding sources for the balance of construction funding for the project. During the processing of the federal funding request for authorization, it was determined that some programmed funding was no longer available for obligation. As a result, a new federal funding source, Projects of National and Regional Significance funding, has been identified as a viable replacement funding. An allocation amendment to make these funds available to the project needs to be approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The amendment request was submitted to the FHWA in August 2007 but has not yet been approved. Due to this change in project funding, there will be a delay in awarding the construction contract because the project can not go out to bid until all the funding components have been authorized.

BACKGROUND:

On July 26, 2007, the Commission approved Resolution TFP-07-02, allocating \$3,048,000 for construction for the Alameda Corridor East project in San Bernardino County. In accordance with Resolution G-06-08, the deadline to award contracts for projects allocated on July 26, 2007, is January 26, 2008. SANBAG will not be able to meet the deadline for this project and is requesting a 12 month extension, thereby extending the deadline to award the contract until January 26, 2009, to ensure that the project continues to advance with the fewest possible delays.