

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 STIP AND SHOPP PROJECTS, PER RESOLUTION G-06-08 WAIVER-08-07**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve a time extension for the period indicated for one State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) project, one Proposition 1B STIP project, and four State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) projects described on the attachment.

ISSUE:

On September 5, 2007, the Commission allocated \$7,564,000 for one STIP project and \$80,819,000 for one Proposition 1B STIP project. On September 20, 2007, the Commission allocated \$161,347,000 for four SHOPP projects, two of which will be combined for construction, as identified on the attached list. In accordance with Resolution G-06-08, the deadline to award contracts for projects allocated on September 5, 2007, is March 5, 2008; the deadline to award contracts for projects allocated on September 20, 2007, is March 20, 2008. The Department will not be able to meet the deadline for these projects and is requesting time extensions for the period of contract award. The attachment shows the details of these projects and the delays that have resulted in the extension request.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2006, the Commission adopted Resolution G-06-08, making the six-month period to award a permanent requirement under the STIP Guidelines.

Attachment

2.8b.(1) Time Extension / Waiver - Contract Award

Project Number	PPNO	Project Dist-EA	County-Route	Description	Fund Source	Allocated Amount (x \$1,000)	Allocation Date	Reason For Delay	Department's Request	
									Months	until end of (month-yr)
1	0050G 0040G	04-170601* 04-274101*	Ala-880 Ala-880	In Oakland, Fifth Avenue Overhead. Replace bridge and construct auxiliary lane.	SHOPP SHOPP	\$ 153,800 \$ 1,856 =====	09/20/07 09/20/07	As part of railroad mitigation required for this project, Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) must complete rehabilitation work on existing railroad tracks along Fruitvale Ave. and Glascock St. (Fruitvale Lead) in Oakland and remove the existing Hanlon Lead track adjacent to Embarcadero. This work must be completed before construction of the I-880/5th Ave project can start. The original project schedule allowed sufficient time for this work to be done and the project was advertised on 11/26/07. However, when UPRR began working on rehabilitating the Fruitvale Lead, the City of Oakland ordered UPRR to stop work. This was followed by the Oakland City Council passing a resolution revoking UPRR's rights to operate on this track. The Department and UPRR have met with the City on several occasions to resolve this matter to no avail. The City has recently suggested to both the Department and UPRR to abandon the current plan to rehabilitate the Fruitvale Lead and instead relocate the Hanlon Lead and Embarcadero to the west. Should the Department and UPRR be forced to comply with this request, an 18 month time extension will be needed in order to allow the Department to perform the necessary studies, complete the Hanlon Lead relocation, and revise the contract plans accordingly. This 18 month extension is based on a very aggressive schedule to perform the necessary work and assumes that all required resources by UPRR and City are readily available to do all necessary work on their part once an agreement is reached in the next few weeks.	18	Sep-09
2	1231T	07-1189G1	Ven-150	In Ojai, at San Antonio Creek Bridge. Replace bridge.	SHOPP	\$ 5,311	09/20/07	The City of Ojai conducted public hearings after previously agreeing to the Department's planned traffic detour for construction. As a result of the public input, the City Council voted not to allow the use of city streets for the detour. The Department is in the process of designing a temporary bridge to be used by traffic during construction and obtaining the necessary environmental clearance for this change. A 6-month time extension is needed to allow the Department to resolve outstanding right of way and environmental mitigation issues relating to the temporary bridge.	6	Sep-08
3	2119	07-178501	LA-105	In the city of Los Angeles, on Route 105. Widen Sepulveda Boulevard off ramp from Sepulveda Boulevard to Nash Street.	STIP	\$ 7,564	09/05/07	The cause of the delay is due to right of way issues. The project was expected to be advertised in October 2007. However, additional time was needed to resolve right of way relocation issues between the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) in dealing with lease tenants of Los Angeles Airport (LAX). A 12-month time extension is needed to manage the complexity of right of way relocation issues and obtain the Right of Way certificate, advertise and award the project.	12	Mar-09
4	0021F	11-167881	Imp-78	Near Brawley, on Route 78 from just east of Hovley Road to north of Route 78/111 Junction and on Old Route 111 from just south of Shank Road to New River Bridge. Construct 4-lane expressway.	Prop 1B/ STIP	\$ 80,819	09/05/07	Initially, under an environmental permit, the City of Brawley was going to utilize federal grant funds in addition to State funds allocated for wetland habitat to improve water quality output at its sewer treatment plant adjacent to the proposed wetland habitat. The project was advertised on 11/19/07. However, it was later determined that the City would not be able to provide the federal grant funds needed, as it would not meet the minimum requirements to improve water quality. The Department decided to purchase the mitigation site and allow the planting and irrigation work required on the site to be done under a separate service contract. It was determined that due to the high cost of this mitigation work, it is best to include it with the original roadway contract. A 3-month time extension is needed to issue an addendum to the potential bidders and incorporate the additional work into the contract as bid items. Bid opening date 2/14/08; Award date 3/14/08.	3	Jun-08
5	0645	11-270601	SD-8	Near Alpine, at Peutz Valley Road Undercrossing. Repair slope and place rock slope protection.	SHOPP	\$ 380	09/20/07	This project was initially advertised on 10/3/07. During the advertisement period, an addendum regarding "Wage and Price" was issued. However, not all bidders received the addendum. As a result, the Department rejected all bids. A 3-month time extension is needed to re-advertise and award this project. Re-advertised 1/22/08; Bid opening date 2/21/08.	3	Jun-08

* The two voted projects will be combined for construction under EA 04-1706U1.