

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 LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS, PER RESOLUTION G-06-08 WAIVER-08-09**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Waiver-08-09, extending the period of contract award for the City of Corona's East 6th Street Landscaping project (PPNO 08-1112C) for six months, to September 20, 2008.

ISSUE:

The Commission allocated \$1,416,000 for the construction phase of the East 6th Street Landscaping project on September 20, 2007. The City of Corona submitted the completed Request for Authorization to Proceed (E-76) on October 30, 2007. However, the limited federal Obligation Authority (OA) available from the Federal Highway Administration for Local Assistance projects had been fully used. OA was made available in January 2008, and projects pending authorization have been approved for funding. The City is requesting six-month construction award time extension. The City estimates it will advertise for 45 days, accept bids for 30 days, and review bids for 15 days. After reviewing the bids, the City will need approval from the City Council 21 days prior to awarding the contract. The City is requesting a six-month time extension to allow time to re-advertise if no bids are received during the first bid period.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2006, the Commission adopted Resolution G-06-08, which requires the agency implementing a project to request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of the allocation. The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines stipulate that the Commission may approve a waiver to the contract award deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.