

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE FOR LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS PER STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER-08-13**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Waiver-08-13, extending the period of project development expenditure for the projects listed on the attached document, for the time periods shown.

## **ISSUE:**

The attached list identifies three projects totaling \$997,000. The Commission allocated the funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-06 for project development phases, as shown on the attachment. The local agencies will not be able to expend the funds by the June 30, 2008 deadline. The attachment shows the details of the projects and the explanation for the delays. The project sponsors are requesting extensions, and the planning agencies concur.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Resolution G-07-11, State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines, adopted by the Commission on November 7, 2007, 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.

Time Extension/Waiver – Project Development Expenditure Deadline  
 Local Streets and Roads Projects

Project #	Applicant County PPNO Project Description Reason for Project Delay	Extension Amount By Component (\$ in thousands) E&P (Environmental & Permits) PS&E (Plans, Specifications and Estimates) TOTAL	Allocation Date Allocation Resolution Number Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline CT Recommendation
1	County of Trinity Trinity PPNO: 02-2138 East Connector Road	\$0 \$360 <b>\$360</b>	08/18/05 FP-05-16 12 months 06/30/2009 Support
<p>The County of Trinity (County) is requesting a 12-month extension to the period of project development expenditure for the PS&amp;E phase of the East Connector Road project in eastern Weaverville. The Commission allocated the funds in August 2005 and the deadline for expenditure is June 30, 2008.</p> <p>In December 2005 and January 2006, severe rainstorms resulted in a State- and Federal-declared disaster. This required a shift of all the engineering staff to review damage sites, prepare cost estimates, file damage reports, and design repairs, resulting in a four-month delay.</p> <p>A short time later, the deputy director in charge of Engineering retired, leaving a busy Director and two less experienced engineers in charge of a large reconstruction project. The County solicited for a replacement for six months. Unable to obtain adequate response to its recruiting efforts, the County hired an outside consultant, which required obtaining an agreement with the Department and the County Board of Supervisors, and took another four months.</p> <p>The County is now prepared to resume work on the PS&amp;E phase, and is requesting a 12-month time extension.</p>			
2	County of Trinity Trinity PPNO: 02-2140 Widen Hyampom Road	\$0 \$437 <b>\$437</b>	08/18/05 FP-05-16 12 months 06/30/2009 Support
<p>The County of Trinity (County) is requesting a 12-month extension to the period of project development expenditure for the PS&amp;E phase of the Widen Hyampom Road project. The Commission allocated the funds in August 2005 and the deadline for expenditure is June 30, 2008.</p> <p>In December 2005 and January 2006, severe rainstorms resulted in a State- and Federal-declared disaster. This required a shift of all the engineering staff to review damage sites, prepare cost estimates, file damage reports, and design repairs, resulting in a four-month delay.</p> <p>A short time later, the deputy director in charge of Engineering retired, leaving a busy Director and two less experienced engineers in charge of a large reconstruction project. The County solicited for a replacement for six months. Unable to obtain adequate response to its recruiting efforts, the County hired an outside consultant, which required obtaining an agreement with the Department and the County Board of Supervisors, and took another four months.</p> <p>The County is now prepared to resume work on the PS&amp;E phase, and is requesting a 12-month time extension.</p>			

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3	County of Trinity Trinity PPNO: 02-2139 West Connector Road	\$200 \$0 <b>\$200</b>	04/27/06 FP-05-79 6 months 12/31/2008 Support
<p>The County of Trinity (County) is requesting a 6-month extension to the period of project development expenditure for the E&amp;P phase of the West Connector Road project in West Weaverville. The Commission allocated the funds in April 2006 and the deadline for expenditure is June 30, 2008.</p> <p>During a project hiatus, while the County worked to obtain additional funding to complete the Environmental Phase of this project, the land on which the west connector lies was designated as a community forest and opposition to the West Connector developed. Also, the community and Board of Supervisors became concerned about the age and status of the County's General Plan, and a comprehensive effort has begun to update the General Plan, including the Weaverville Community Plan and other elements that could affect the County's decision regarding this project.</p> <p>Upon receiving an allocation, the County spent 4 months conducting a public opinion poll and public meeting. Since the majority of community members were found to be in favor of the project, the County decided to resume its efforts and complete the appropriate environmental documentation. However, in deference to the relationship with the General Plan, the County prefers not to circulate the Environmental Impact Report until the groundwork has been done in the General Plan, with public input, to support a decision on this project. The elements of the General Plan are expected to be sufficiently complete to guide a decision on the West Connector by December 2008. Therefore, the County is requesting a six month time extension to complete the work required for the E&amp;P phase.</p>			