

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION, PER STIP
GUIDELINES
WAIVER-08-16**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Waiver-08-16, extending the period of project allocation for the projects listed on the attached document for the time periods shown.

ISSUE:

The attached document identifies two projects totaling \$492,000 that are programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program for delivery in Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-08. The agencies will not be able to request an allocation of 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:

Current State Transportation Improvement Program Guidelines adopted by the Commission 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.

Attachment

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

Project #	Applicant County PPNO Project Description Reason for Project Delay	Extension Amount (\$ in thousands) By Component	Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline CT Recommendation
1	City of Eureka Humboldt PPNO: 01-0302D Waterfront Drive Connection Phase II	\$263 Right of Way	20 months 02/28/2010 Support
<p>The City of Eureka (City) is requesting a 20-month time extension to the period of project allocation for right of way for the Waterfront Drive Connection Phase II TE Project in the City along Waterfront Drive between G Street and J Street. Right of way acquisition is dependent on completion of the Environmental and Permits (E&P) phase. The NEPA certification required for right of way allocation has been delayed pending resolution of an abatement action by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board against the property that must be acquired for the project. The NEPA certification estimated completion date is April 30, 2009.</p> <p>As a result of this uncertainty, the City is requesting a 20-month time extension, until February 2010, to request an allocation for right of way acquisition.</p>			
2	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) Los Angeles County PPNO: 07-3417 MacArthur Park Station Improvement Los Angeles City	\$229 Plans, Specifications & Estimate	20 months 02/28/2010 Support
<p>The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) is requesting a 20-month time extension to the period of project allocation for Design (PS&E) of the MacArthur Park Station Improvement TE Project (Project). The Project includes pedestrian improvement to the subway station's existing, at grade plaza fronting on Alvarado Street and a planned mid-block pedestrian connection. These improvements will upgrade and enhance the pedestrian environment with streetscape improvements and landscaping. The Project is part of a LACMTA joint development project. Since approval of the Project, the scope of the LACMTA joint development project has been reduced without impact to the scope of this Project. Given that this Project is part of a joint development project, it cannot move forward until the joint development project moves forward. At present, the developer is seeking entitlement approval and is attempting to secure public financing necessary to complete the joint development project. To date, the joint development project has been delayed because the developer has been unsuccessful in its attempts to secure the financing but is currently seeking Proposition 1C Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) funds, which is the Housing and Emergency Trust Fund Act of 2006 for TOD. The developer submitted a fund application in early April 2008 and is hopeful to receive an allocation in August 2008. Upon the approval of such funds, this Project and the joint development project will be in a position to proceed. LACMTA believes that this award is likely, though not certain. If the Proposition 1C TOD funds are not approved for the joint development project, the developer will need to seek other funding and the project schedule will have to be adjusted accordingly.</p> <p>As a result of this uncertainty, LACMTA is requesting a 20-month time extension, until February 2010, to request an allocation for PS&E.</p>			