

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 25-26, 2008

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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-08-25**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Waiver-08-25, extending the period of contract award for the Old Arcata Road/Myrtle Avenue Rehabilitation and Widening (PPNO 01-2001R) for three months only, to September 30, 2008.

ISSUE:

The County of Humboldt (County) is requesting a six-month extension to the period of contract award for the construction phase of the Old Arcata Road/Myrtle Avenue Rehabilitation and Widening project. However, the Department recommends approval of three months only, based on the local agency's anticipated schedule. The Commission allocated \$6,548,000 for the construction phase of the Old Arcata Road/Myrtle Avenue Rehabilitation and Widening on December 13, 2007. A permit delay in order to determine if the steelhead and salmon would be listed as endangered species has resulted in the expiration of the existing Coast Development Permit. The earliest review by the California Coastal Commission (CCC) for permit renewal request is June 12, 2008. However, County cannot award the contract until the conditions set by the CCC are ascertained and the requested permit is obtained. The permit will be issued on June 23, 2008 and the County anticipates awarding a contract on July 1, 2008. The County is requesting a six-month time extension to the contract award period, but the Department is recommending approval of three months only.

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 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.