

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: July 23-24, 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 STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER-08-31**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Waiver-08-31, extending the period of contract award for the Vasco Road Safety Improvements project (PPNO 04-2009L) for four months, to December 31, 2008. The County of Alameda is requesting a six-month time extension to February 28, 2009.

ISSUE:

The County of Alameda (County) is requesting a six-month extension to the period of contract award for the construction phase of the Vasco Road Safety Improvements project. The Commission allocated \$4,600,000 for construction on February 14, 2008. The County submitted the Request for Authorization to Proceed with Construction (E-76) in April 2008. However, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document expired on April 11, 2008. As a result, on May 1, 2008, the County was informed that they needed to re-validate the NEPA document. The County's re-validation of the NEPA document was completed on June 10, 2008, and the County received approval of the E-76 on June 20, 2008.

The County anticipates advertising by early July 2008, opening bids on July 23, 2008, and awarding the contract by September 2008. The County is requesting additional time to compensate for the uncertainty associated in receiving high bids or no bids. The County is requesting a six-month time extension to February 28, 2009; the Department is recommending approval of four 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.