

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: February 19, 2009

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR LOCALLY ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECT ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER RESOLUTION G-06-08 WAIVER-09-04**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department), on behalf of Council of San Benito County Governments (SBCOG), recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for six months, to August 31, 2009, for a median widening and construction of a median barrier project on Route 25 in Hollister. (PPNO 5020, EA 0K5201)

ISSUE:

On August 28, 2008, the Commission allocated \$10,825,000 for one State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Proposition 1B project on Route 25. In accordance with Resolution G-06-08, the deadline to award contracts for projects allocated on August 28, 2008, is February 28, 2009. SBCOG will not be able to meet the deadline and is requesting a time extension for the period of contract award.

The Department has directed SBCOG to delay bid opening due to uncertainty regarding availability of Proposition 1B funds for this project. The project was initially scheduled to open bids on January 12, 2009. The bid opening has been rescheduled to February 3, 2009. The project is anticipated to be awarded in March 2009, unless funding availability is further delayed.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2006, the Commission adopted Resolution G-06-08, making the six-month period to award a permanent requirement under the STIP Guidelines.