

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR TCRP PROJECTS,
PER RESOLUTION G-06-08
WAIVER-09-03**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) is submitting this request to the California Transportation Commission (Commission) on behalf of Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT). The Department recommends the Commission extend the period of contract award by six months, to August 28, 2009, for Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) Project #116 – Route 80 Light Rail Corridor; double-track Route 80 light rail line for express service in Sacramento County.

ISSUE:

In August 2008, the Commission allocated \$11,856,000 to SacRT for the Route 80 Light Rail Corridor project. The project will be constructed using several contracts, two of which have been awarded. SacRT will not be able to award the final construction contract (\$7,200,000) of the third component by the February 28, 2009 deadline and requests a 6-month extension to August 28, 2009.

BACKGROUND:

On August 28, 2008, the Commission approved Resolution TFP-08-01, allocating \$12,381,000 in new TCRP funds-\$525,000 for design and \$11,856,000 for construction. In accordance with Resolution G-06-08, the construction contracts are to be awarded by February 28, 2009.

The construction allocation funds three major project components: the heavy repair facility, the Lumberjack alignment, and the Watt/I-80 double-track. Contracts have been awarded for both the heavy repair facility and the Lumberjack alignment. The Watt/I-80 double-track consists of three procurement contracts (for materials and equipment), which will be awarded on January 26, 2009, and a construction contract, which will not be awarded by the February 28, 2009 deadline.

SacRT has monitored rising overall costs and is re-designing portions of the Watt/I-80 double-track in order to stay within the budget. Upon completion of the re-design, SacRT can award the contract.

SacRT requests an extension of six months to allow time to enter into a construction contract based on the revised design.