

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT  
EXPENDITURES FOR LOCALLY – ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS, PER STIP  
GUIDELINES  
WAIVER-09-16**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project development expenditure for the time periods identified for each project on the attached document.

## **ISSUE:**

The Commission allocated \$11,020,000 for the project development phases of the four local rail/transit State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects identified on the attachment. The responsible agencies have been unable to complete the project phase by the deadlines. The attachment describes the details of the projects and the explanations for the delays. The respective agencies request extensions and the planning agencies concur.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Current STIP guidelines stipulate that funds allocated for local project development must be expended by the end of the second fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the funds were allocated. The Commission may approve waivers to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Government Code Section 14529.8.

Attachment

**Time Extension/Waiver – Project Development Expenditure  
Rail/Transit Projects**

<b>Project #</b>	<b>Applicant County PPNO Project Description Reason for Project Delay</b>	<b>Extension Amount Phase</b>	<b>Allocation Date Resolution Number Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline CT Recommendation</b>
1	Alameda Contra Costa Transit District Alameda County PPNO: 04-2009C Berkeley/Oakland/San Leandro Corridor Bus Rapid Transit	\$2,700,000 PA&ED	April 26, 2007 MFP-06-17 12 months 06/30/10 Support
	<p>The Alameda Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit) is requesting a 12-month extension for the balance of \$2,010,337 remaining for the Berkeley/Oakland/San Leandro Corridor Bus Rapid Transit project. Completion of the phase has been delayed due to environmental issues that must be met prior to completing the Final Environmental Impact Report/Final Environmental Impact Statement. AC Transit and the Cities of Oakland, Berkeley and San Leandro, have been working together to identify a locally preferred alternative which will be then be presented to each respective City Council for possible adoption. A Policy Advisory Committee composed of elected officials and a Technical Advisory Committee have been re-established in order to focus on these issues.</p>		
2	Transportation Agency for Monterey County Monterey County PPNO: 05-1155 Caltrain Extension to Monterey County	\$4,520,000 PS&E	June 7, 2007 MFP-06-19 18 months 12/30/10 Support
	<p>The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) is requesting an 18-month extension for the balance of \$4,520,000 remaining for the Caltrain Extension to Monterey County project. Completion of the phase has been delayed due to additional Federal Transit Administration (FTA) ridership analysis requirements, beyond ridership numbers previously provided in the Alternative Analysis. These requirements have impacted the anticipated project schedule since the FTA will not process the federal Environmental Assessment until the ridership data has been validated.</p>		
3	Orange County Transportation Authority Orange County PPNO: 12-9514 Placentia Transit Station	\$2,500,000 PS&E	June 7, 2007 MFP-06-19 20 months 02/30/11 Support
	<p>The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is requesting a 20-month extension for the balance of \$2,456,880 remaining for the Placentia Transit Station project. Completion of the phase has been delayed due to liability issues between OCTA, the City of Placentia and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BSNF). The proposed station is located on the BSNF right-of-way and requires their participation. In addition, there have been preliminary design changes to the project that require a larger parking structure than was originally envisioned. These design modifications are based on Metrolink's standards for surface and structured parking.</p>		
4	San Joaquin Regional Transit District San Joaquin County PPNO: 10-0140 RTD Regional Operations Facility	\$1,300,000 PA&ED	February 1, 2007 MFP-06-14 12 months 06/30/10 Support
	<p>The San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) is requesting a 12-month extension for the balance of \$1,245,472 remaining for the RTD Regional Operations Facility project. The project has experienced delays as a result of an inability to obtain permits to property access for the geotechnical testing. RTD has obtained permits to access three of the five properties required to complete soil testing. In addition, as a way to reduce cost and maximize efficiencies, RTD has been coordinating with other transit agencies with similar facility needs by sharing project development and design plans. However, this coordination has presented timing challenges that have contributed to the delay in the project timeline.</p>		