

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION FOR
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS, PER STIP GUIDELINES
WAIVER-09-29**

RECOMMENDATION:

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

ISSUE:

The attached list identifies two projects totaling \$9,343,000. The Commission allocated the funds in Fiscal Year 2005-06 for construction, and contracts have been awarded. The local agencies will not be able to complete (accept) the contract prior to the project completion deadlines. The attachment shows the details of the projects and the explanation for the delays. The project sponsors are requesting extensions, and the regional planning agencies concur.

BACKGROUND:

Current State Transportation Improvement Program Guidelines stipulate that a local agency has up to 36 months from the time of contract award to complete (accept) the contract. The local agency has 180 days after the contract acceptance to prepare and submit the final invoices and reports to the Department. The Guidelines further stipulate that the Commission may approve a waiver to the project completion deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.

Attachment

Time Extension/Waiver – Project Completion Deadline
 Local Streets and Roads Projects

Project #	Applicant County PPNO Project Description Reason for Project Delay	Allocation Date Resolution Number Allocation Amount Balance Remaining	Award Date Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline CT Recommendation
1	County of Plumas Plumas County PPNO: 02-2045 Beckwourth/Calpine Road Rehabilitation	04/27/2006 FP-05-79 Construction Allocation: \$2,472,000 Balance Remaining: \$681,138	08/15/2006 3 Months 11/30/2009 Support
<p>The County of Plumas (County) is requesting a three-month extension to the period of project completion for the Beckwourth/Calpine Road Rehabilitation project. During the 2008 construction season (June – October), the County completed 4.8 miles of pavement rehabilitation work required for this project. Guard railing and bridge railing installation could not occur until after all pavement work was completed.</p> <p>During this construction season (2009), the County advertised a separate final contract to install the bridge approach railing, guard railing, end treatments, and deck sealing for the project. The County anticipates that the construction of the railing and deck sealing could normally be completed within two months to meet the completion deadline of August 31, 2009. However, the County anticipates that the limited availability of guard railing contractors and guard railing materials in this rural area may delay the completion of the project. The County requests a three-month time extension for project completion to November 30, 2009.</p>			
2	County of Lassen Lassen County PPNO: 02-2121 Skyline Road East Improvements, TE	08/18/2005 FP-05-16 Construction Allocation: \$6,871,000 Balance Remaining: \$679,190	07/18/2006 20 Months 03/31/2011 Support
<p>The County of Lassen (County) is requesting a 20-month extension to the period of project completion for the Skyline Road East Improvements TE project. The Skyline Road East Improvements project, which connects State Route 139 to Johnstonville Road, is the first phase of the Skyline Road Corridor project. The second phase of this corridor project will be the Skyline Road Extension project, which will connect Johnstonville Road to State Route 36. To comply with NEPA regulations, the County was required to construct an environmental wetland mitigation site that would address environmental issues for both phases of the corridor project. The NEPA environmental document also requires the County to maintain, monitor, and submit reports for the wetland mitigation site for a period of 8 years. The wetland mitigation site was constructed in the fall of 2007. Construction of the Skyline Road East Improvements project was completed on February 10, 2009. However, the required maintenance, monitoring, and reporting of the wetland mitigation site must continue until the fall of 2015. The balance of funds available for this project will be used for the associated costs for maintenance, monitoring, and reporting of the wetland mitigation site under the Skyline Road East Improvements project.</p> <p>There will be an approximate 20-month period before funding is available under the Skyline Road Extension project, which is estimated to be ready for construction authorization in March 2011. The Skyline Road Extension project funds will be used to pay for the rest of the maintenance, monitoring, and reporting of the wetland mitigation site, required by the environmental document. The County plans to notify the Commission that an extension to the period of project completion will be needed for the Skyline Road Extension project at the time of allocation, to accommodate the proposed expenditure plan for the project. This will include the time needed to complete the maintenance, monitoring, and reporting of the wetland mitigation site ending in the fall of 2015.</p> <p>The County requests a 20-month time extension to March 31, 2011, for the Skyline Road East Improvements project.</p>			