

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION
WAIVER-10-05**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project allocation for three State-administered on-system projects for the time periods specified on the attached document.

ISSUE:

The attached document identifies three projects totaling \$61,978,000 programmed in the 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). These on-system projects are programmed for delivery in Fiscal Year 2009-10. The Department will not be ready to request an allocation of funds by the June 30, 2010 deadline. The attachment shows the details of the projects and the explanation for the delays. The respective regional planning agencies concur with the requests.

BACKGROUND:

Current STIP Guidelines stipulate that funds programmed are available for allocation only until the end of the fiscal year identified in the STIP. The Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline for allocation one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.

Time Extension/Waiver – Project Allocation Deadline
 State-Administered Projects on the State Highway System

	Dist-Co-Rte Implementing Agency	Program/Year Phase	Number of Months Requested
	PPNO Project Description	Programmed Amount (\$ in thousands)	Extended Deadline
1	07-LA-10 Department of Transportation	IIP / 09-10 CONST \$4,618	13 months 07/31/2011
	07-0309S In Baldwin Park and West Covina, from Puente Avenue to Citrus Street. Construct soundwalls.	RIP / 09-10 CONST \$3,642	
<p>The California Department of Transportation (Department) is requesting a 13-month extension to the period of allocation for the Route 10 - Baldwin Park Soundwall project in Los Angeles County. This soundwall project is located within the same limits of the proposed Route 10 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) project (PPNO 0309N) scheduled for delivery in July 2011. Since the soundwall project must be built along the same alignment of the proposed HOV project, it is recommended that the two projects be combined in order to minimize complications during construction.</p>			
2	07-LA-138 Department of Transportation	RIP / 09-10 CONST \$21,000	7 months 01/31/2011
	07-0694Q Near Llano, from 175th Street East to Largo Vista Road. Widen from 2 to 4 lanes.		
<p>The Department is requesting a 7-month extension to the period of allocation for the Route 138 widening project in Los Angeles County. The right of way certification for the project has been delayed seven months, from May 2010 to December 2010, due to unanticipated difficulties in locating property owners on a number of parcels where acquisition is required. Several of the properties are also subject to the lengthy condemnation process.</p>			
3	07-LA-405 Department of Transportation	IIP / 09-10 CONST \$1,415	20 months 02/31/2012
	07-0831 In Inglewood, at Arbor Vitae Avenue near the Los Angeles International Airport. Construct south half of interchange.	RIP / 09-10 CONST \$31,303	
<p>The Department is requesting a 20-month extension to the period of allocation for the Route 405 Arbor Vitae Avenue interchange project in Los Angeles County. This project has suffered a series of setbacks due to the need for an extensive environmental document review by the Federal Highway Administration and opposition from two constituencies. The Inglewood Unified School District objected to the need to acquire school property for the ultimate design of Route 405 and a local opposition group objected the interchange at Arbor Vitae by calling it an LAX expansion project. The project has since been down-scoped to construct only the southern half of the interchange. Other community groups opposed the project due to the potential for increased traffic at LAX. Design was suspended but later reinstated after approval from the Southern California Association of Governments. At present, the environmental document is anticipated to be completed in March 2010. With a projected shortfall of \$30 million to deliver the full scope, the project is currently being re-examined in order to either deliver a reduced project scope using current programming or deliver the full scope if additional local funds become available. Design of the revised scope is projected to be completed by February 2012.</p>			