

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 LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS, PER STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER-10-06**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve an extension to the period of contract award for the 10th Avenue Gateway to Hanford Transportation Enhancement (TE) project (PPNO 06-C002A) for nine months, to December 31, 2010.

ISSUE:

On September 10, 2009, the Commission allocated \$445,000 to the County of Kings (County) to construct the 10th Avenue Gateway to Hanford TE project. The County will not be able to award the contract prior to the award deadline of March 31, 2010, and requests a nine-month time extension to December 31, 2010.

BACKGROUND:

The project area is located within the incorporated limits of the City of Hanford (City). When the project is completed, the City will take ownership and maintenance of the facility. Therefore, the project requires both the County and the City's design guidance. In October 2009, the County submitted the project plans to the City for review. The plans were reviewed by the City's engineering department, building department, parks department, and City Council. Discussions, negotiations, and agreements between the City and County have taken longer than anticipated and have delayed the County's ability to finalize design and advertise the project.

The County received the City's design review comments in December 2009. The County plans to incorporate the comments into the existing design January 2010 through April 2010. During this four-month period, each of the City's departments mentioned above will meet periodically to review the design and ensure consensus. The County plans to complete design and specifications May 2010 through June 2010. The County anticipates that final design will be approved by the end of June 2010. After final design is approved, the County plans to submit their Request for Authorization to Proceed with Construction (E-76) in July 2010, and anticipates receiving approval by August 2010. The County plans to advertise the project in September 2010, open bids in

October 2010, and award the contract by December 2010. The County requests a nine-month time extension to December 31, 2010.

In June 2006, the Commission adopted Resolution G-06-08, which requires the agency implementing a project to request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of the allocation. STIP Guidelines stipulate that the Commission may approve a waiver to the contract award deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.