

# 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 TRANSIT PROJECTS, PER STIP GUIDELINES  
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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project completion by 12 months, to April 12, 2011, for the Jeffrey Road Grade Separation project (PPNO 9513) in Orange County.

## **ISSUE:**

On November 9, 2006, the Commission approved Resolution MFP-06-10 allocating \$24,000,000 to the City of Irvine (City) for construction of a grade separation between Walnut Avenue and Irvine Center Drive. Completion of the project has been delayed due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the City's control. These include failure by the Southern California Edison to relocate the electrical backbone and removal of all utilities at the pedestrian overcrossing as scheduled. In addition, AT&T's inability to identify the exact location of their existing utility conduit and conflicts with the City's redesign of piles and cages have contributed to the delay. Finally, a test pile failure at the railroad bridge and subsequent redesign of the piles has resulted in further project delays.

The City and the contractor have taken a number of steps to mitigate this delay including longer work days and performing work out of sequence when possible. The project is approximately 70 percent complete.

As of October 2009, \$10,347,726 of the \$24,000,000 allocated, has been expended. A 12-month extension to the period of project completion to extend the deadline to April 12, 2011, is being requested.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Current State Transportation Improvement Program guidelines stipulate that a local agency has up to 36 months from the award of the contract in which to complete the project. 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.