

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 20-months, to May 30, 2011, to complete the purchase of 95 CNG buses and 40 paratransit vans project (PPNO 3129) in Sacramento County.

ISSUE:

On June 8, 2006, the Commission approved Resolution MFP-05-14 allocating \$38,300,000 to the Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) for the purchase of 95 CNG buses and 40 paratransit vans. The delivery of 91 CNG buses has been completed including four additional buses that were delivered as part of a liquidated damages settlement.

In May 2007, SacRT's Board approved a contract to purchase paratransit vans. This contract included a purchase order of 13 vans which have been delivered. The purchase order for the remaining 27 vehicles was delayed due to the following factors.

- First, the SacRT Board directed staff to identify alternative fueled paratransit vehicles that would reduce air pollution and improve gas emissions. However, after extensive research SacRT was unable to identify acceptable alternate fuel paratransit vehicles.
- Second, the SacRT ADA Paratransit Plan went through a periodic review to look for ways to provide ADA services more efficiently. Following this review, it was determined that additional paratransit vans will be needed in order to replace vehicles that will be reaching their useful life span.

SacRT would like to purchase an additional 39 paratransit vehicles with the remaining funds. A total of 52 paratransit vehicles would ultimately be delivered. As of February 2010, \$34,902,690 of the \$38,300,000 allocated, has been expended.

A 20-month extension to the period of project completion to extend the deadline to May 30, 2011, is being requested so that the remaining \$3,397,310 can be utilized.

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.