

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 30-July 1, 2010

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION FOR
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS, PER STIP GUIDELINES
WAIVER-10-29**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project allocation for the projects listed on the attached document for the time periods shown.

ISSUE:

The attached document identifies three projects totaling \$539,000 that are programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for delivery in Fiscal Year 2009-10. The agencies will not be able 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 project sponsors are requesting extensions, and the regional planning agencies concur.

BACKGROUND:

Current STIP Guidelines adopted by the Commission stipulate that funds that are programmed for all components of local grant projects or for Department construction costs 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 one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.

Attachment

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

Project #	Applicant County PPNO Project Description Reason for Project Delay	Extension Amount (\$ in thousands) E&P (Environmental & Permits) PS&E (Plans, Specifications & Estimates) ROW (Right of Way) CON (Construction) TOTAL	Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline CT Recommendation
1	County of El Dorado El Dorado County PPNO: 03-3125 Sawmill Road Multi-use Path, TE	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$159 \$159	6 Months 12/31/2010 Support
<p>The County of El Dorado (County) is requesting a six-month extension to the period of project allocation for construction of the Sawmill Road Multi-use Path TE project. This project is funded from the El Dorado County TE Reserve. In April 2010, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency dedicated the remaining TE Reserve funds to the County. Since the County only recently received the funds, additional time is needed to complete the PS&E package and certify right of way, prior to requesting an allocation for construction. The County anticipates that PS&E and right of way will be completed by December 2010. The County requests a six-month time extension to December 31, 2010, for the allocation of the funds programmed for construction.</p>			
2	City of Arroyo Grande San Luis Obispo County PPNO: 05-2253 El Camino Real Sidewalks and Bicycle Lanes, TE	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$349 \$349	9 Months 03/31/2011 Support
<p>The City of Arroyo Grande (City) is requesting a nine-month extension to the period of project allocation for construction of the El Camino Real Sidewalks and Bicycle Lanes TE project. The project has been delayed due to unforeseen environmental concerns. The City submitted a complete Preliminary Environmental Study to the Department in November 2009. The City assumed the NEPA document would be a Categorical Exclusion (CE) without required technical studies, as the project scope is an overlay of an existing facility with minor areas of widening. The Department requested that a field review be conducted. However, the next available field review that the Department could schedule was in January 2010. After performing the field review, the Department determined that the following technical studies would be required: biological, visual resources, parking, hazardous materials, Section 106, and permits.</p> <p>The City completed all of the technical studies, except for Section 106, in April 2010. Section 106 requires a Native American consultation and an Archeology Survey Report (ASR). The ASR identifies an area that may have the potential to affect an archaeological site. The Department is currently preparing comments on the ASR to request additional information. This additional information will determine whether or not monitoring during construction will be warranted. After this determination, the ASR will need to be sent to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for additional review.</p> <p>The City anticipates that the Department will submit the ASR comments by June 2010, the SHPO will complete the ASR review by October 2010, the NEPA will be approved by November 2010 and the City will request a construction allocation at the January 2011 Commission meeting. However, due to uncertainties in the environmental process, the City requests a nine-month time extension to March 31, 2011, for the allocation of the funds programmed for construction.</p>			
3	County of Tuolumne Tuolumne County PPNO: 10-0020C Jamestown Main Street to Railtown Sidewalks, TE	\$0 \$31 \$0 \$0 \$31	20 Months 02/29/2012 Deny
<p>The County of Tuolumne (County) is requesting a 20-month extension to the period of project allocation for design of the Jamestown Main Street to Railtown Sidewalks TE project. The County was unable to receive an authorization to proceed with preliminary engineering due to missing support documents; therefore, no work has been done on the E&P phase. The County requests a 20-month time extension to February 29, 2012, for the allocation of the funds programmed for PS&E. The Department recommends that this extension be denied.</p>			