

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 CONTRACT AWARD FOR LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED PROJECTS ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER RESOLUTION G-06-08 WAIVER-10-35**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department), on behalf of the City of Palm Springs, recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for three months to September 30, 2010, for the interchange modification project (PPNO 0007G, EA 455701) on Route 10 in Riverside County.

ISSUE:

On December 10, 2009, the Commission allocated \$13,656,000 for one State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) project to modify the interchange on Route 10 in the city of Palm Springs in Riverside County. In accordance with Resolution G-06-08, the deadline to award a contract for projects allocated in December 2009 is June 30, 2010. The Department will not be able to meet the deadline and is requesting a three-month time extension for the period of contract award.

Due to cost savings from other Riverside County projects programmed with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act), this project received \$5,517,500 in Recovery Act funding. Federal programming revisions needed and the obligation process for the Recovery Act and other federal funds were completed on February 4, 2010. Therefore, the advertise and award process could not begin until two months after STIP fund allocation, when the federal obligation process was finished. This three-month time extension will allow the City of Palm Springs sufficient time to advertise and award the contract.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2006, the Commission adopted Resolution G-06-08, making the six-month period to award a permanent requirement under the STIP Guidelines.