

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR LOCAL BRIDGE SEISMIC RETROFIT ACCOUNT , PER LBSRA GUIDELINES WAIVER-10-06**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the request by the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB) to extend the period of contract award for Caltrain San Mateo Bridge project for two months, to November 30, 2010.

ISSUE:

The Department sub-allocated \$566,973 on March 23, 2010 to the JPB for construction on the Caltrain San Mateo Bridge project. The JPB will be unable to award the contract by the award deadline of September 30, 2010. The JPB is requesting a two-month time extension to November 30, 2010.

BACKGROUND:

This project represents the first phase of the planned replacement of the existing Caltrain railroad bridge structures at Poplar, Santa Inez, Monte Diablo, and Tilton Avenues in San Mateo. There is an immediate need to rehabilitate the existing bridge foundations to meet current seismic safety standards and to maintain the Caltrain railroad in a state of good repair to ensure safe and reliable commuter rail service on the San Francisco Peninsula.

The construction contract was placed on the agenda for board approval on July 1, 2010; however, due to concerns that were raised regarding contractor pre-qualification requirements, the JPB, on the advice of its attorneys, made a decision to re-advertise the contract to ensure that the contractor pre-qualification requirements are better clarified. Therefore, an additional two months is requested to award the construction contract.

In May 2008, the Commission adopted the LBSRA Guidelines (Resolution LBS1B-G-0708-001), which requires the agency implementing a project to request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within 6 months of the sub-allocation date. The LBSRA Guidelines stipulate that the Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months.