

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 PROJECT COMPLETION FOR
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS,
PER STIP GUIDELINES
WAIVER-10-47**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project completion for the time periods identified for each project on the attached document.

ISSUE:

The Commission allocated a total of \$46,482,000 for the project completion phases of the two local transit State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects identified on the attachment. The responsible agencies have been unable to complete the project phase by the deadlines. The attachment describes the details of the projects and the explanations for the delays. The respective agencies request extensions and the planning agencies concur.

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.

Time Extension/Waiver – Project Completion
 Rail/Transit Projects

Project #	Applicant County PPNO Project Description Reason for Project Delay	Extension Amount Phase	Allocation Date Resolution Number Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline CT Recommendation
1	Union City Alameda County PPNO: 04-2110 Union City Intermodal Station	\$15,107,000 CONST	November 9, 2006 & September 5, 2007 MFP-06-10 & MFP-07-05 6 months 05/13/11 Support
<p>The city of Union City (City) is requesting a 6-month extension for project completion for the Union City Intermodal Station project. Completion of construction has been delayed due to additional required testing and approval of the new panels. Partial design of the intermodal station consists of installing of a unique solar photo voltaic (PV) system built on the transit canopy structures. However, the manufacturer of the original PV system is no longer available which has delayed the installation and testing of the new panel system by six months. In order to minimize project delay, the City has requested from the new manufacturer, an expedited testing and approval process. The project is currently 80% complete and as of March 2010, an unspent balance of \$5,744,978 remains.</p> <p>A 6-month extension for the period of project completion is being requested to extend the deadline to May 13, 2011.</p>			
2	City of Glendale Los Angeles County PPNO: 07-9814 Glendale Grade Separation	\$31,375,000 CONST	June 6, 2007 MFP-06-22 7 months 06/30/11 Support
<p>The city of Glendale (City) is requesting a 7-month extension for the period of project completion of the Glendale Grade Separation project. Completion of the project has been delayed due to additional necessary work at two of the project locations. First, the project has encountered an issue with work performed at the Doran Street and San Fernando Road intersection where conditions of the topography of the area to the north of the curb and gutter are in conflict with the plans submitted to Caltrans as part of the Encroachment Permit Application. This additional work will require revisions to the original plans by the design engineer and resubmit to Caltrans for approval. The City may also need to advertise this work and retain another construction contractor in the event that the City is unsuccessful to negotiate an acceptable fee for the additional work. Secondly, pavement work performed within Fairmont Avenue has experienced numerous fractures and cracks following installation. The construction contractor is of the opinion that the cracks are cosmetic in nature and will eventually close with time. However, the City does not share that view and is in the process of retaining an additional consultant specialized in the field of pavement for an independent evaluation.</p> <p>A 7-month extension for the period of project completion is being requested to extend the deadline to June 30, 2011. As of May 2010, an unspent balance of \$15,166,757 remains.</p>			