

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: September 22-23, 2010

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE FOR LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS PER STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER-10-43**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) consider the post-fact extension request by the County of Mono (County) to extend the period of project development expenditure for Project Approval and Environmental (PA&ED) for the Lee Vining Streets Rehabilitation project (PPNO 09-2558) by six months, to December 31, 2010.

ISSUE:

On June 26, 2008, the Commission approved Resolution FP-07-81, allocating \$19,000 for the PA&ED component of the Lee Vining Streets Rehabilitation project. The County was unable to complete the PA&ED component of the project prior to June 30, 2010 and failed to submit a time extension request at the June-July 2010 Commission meeting. Of the \$19,000 allocated, \$7,260 has been expended, leaving a balance of \$11,740. On July 28, 2010, the County contacted Commission staff to explain an unforeseen delay, and Commission staff supported the County's proposal to submit a post-fact time extension request for the September 2010 meeting. The County requests a six-month post-fact time extension for the PA&ED component of the project to December 31, 2010.

BACKGROUND:

On June 4, 2010, the County performed a field review to evaluate potential drainage issues associated with the project. During the review, a number of comments were received from members of the public regarding the placement of sidewalks on the local roads. Concerns were also expressed regarding the narrow right of way, potential impacts to parking, and potential drainage issues onto private property.

The County determined that further public outreach was needed and the sidewalk issues needed to be discussed at the Mono Basin Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC). The RPAC meets on the second Wednesday of every month. The County was unable to place the Lee Vining Streets sidewalk issue on the agenda for the June 9, 2010 RPAC Meeting.

The project was discussed at the July 14, 2010 RPAC meeting with an action item to reach a consensus by the September 8, 2010 RPAC meeting. The County anticipates that the environmental documentation can be completed within one to three months of reaching a community consensus. The County requests a six-month post-fact time extension to December 31, 2010.

Current State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) Guidelines stipulate that funds allocated for local project development or right of way costs must be expended by the end of the second fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the funds were allocated. 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.