

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: January 19-20, 2011

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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-11-07**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the request by the County of Humboldt (County) to extend the period of contract award for the Martins Ferry Bridge project for four months, to May 31, 2011.

ISSUE:

The Department sub-allocated \$699,730 on July 19, 2010 to the County for construction of the Martins Ferry Bridge project. The County will be unable to award the contract by the award deadline of January 31, 2011. The County is requesting a four-month time extension to May 31, 2011.

BACKGROUND:

The Martins Ferry Bridge is located within the Yurok Tribal Reservation boundaries. The County has been coordinating with the tribe to finalize cultural monitoring and water quality testing requirements, which must be included in the project specifications. Due to the complexity of this project, the County decided to hire a consultant to help finalize these requirements. The County selected the consultant through the Request for Proposal process and is pending approval from the Board of Supervisors. The County anticipates having a consultant on board by January 18, 2011. The County plans to begin advertising the project on February 23, 2011, and anticipates awarding the project by May 6, 2011.

In May 2008, the Commission adopted the Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit Account (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.