

# 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 STATE  
ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS, PER STIP GUIDELINES  
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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve an extension to the period of contract award for a State Highway Operation and Protection Project in San Mateo County on State Route 1 for four months, to September 30, 2011.

## **ISSUE:**

On November 4, 2010, the Commission allocated \$950,000 to the Department for a SHOPP project in San Mateo County (PPNO 04-0623H) to visually mitigate impacts of previously placed rock slope protection adjacent to State Route 1 in Pescadero. The project included the placing of soil cover, vegetation, and construction of a public access pathway. The Department will not be able to award the contract prior to the award deadline of May 31, 2011, and requests a four-month time extension to September 30, 2011.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The project was advertised on December 27, 2010 and was due to be awarded on March 15, 2011 following bid opening on January 26, 2011. However, the Department had to reject all bids on March 15<sup>th</sup> due to confusion in the specifications which included mandatory paint certificate requirements associated with structural steel. There was no structural steel in the contract. This language significantly affected the bidding pool, and resulted in non-responsive bidders. The issue has been resolved, and the plans and specifications have been repackaged for re-advertisement. The Department is requesting four months to re-advertise and award the contract.

In June 2006, the Commission adopted Resolution G-06-08, which requires the agency implementing a project to request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of the allocation. STIP Guidelines stipulate that the Commission may approve a waiver to the contract award deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.