

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-LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM PROJECT, PER SLPP GUIDELINES WAIVER-11-41**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the request by the City of Moreno Valley (City) to extend the period of contract award for the Cactus Avenue Improvement project for 15 months from July 31, 2011 to October 31, 2012.

ISSUE:

On January 20, 2011, the Commission allocated \$1,000,000 to the City of Moreno Valley for construction of the Cactus Avenue Improvement project. The City will be unable to award the contract by the award deadline of July 31, 2011. The County is requesting a 15-month time extension to October 31, 2012.

BACKGROUND:

This project will provide nearly a mile of improvements, which includes removal of sub-standard paving and replacing it with four full travel lanes, sidewalks and parkways. The improvements to Cactus Avenue require 38 Southern California Edison (SCE) power poles to be relocated approximately 25 feet to the south, out of the street widening area. Before the SCE will start the process to make final plans for the pole relocation process, the project must have all funding in place. The planning, logistics and relocation process is estimated by SCE to take up to 12 months. There are also possible unforeseen issues with other unknown utilities that could prolong the pole relocation project. A contingency of three months is being added to the time estimate from SCE to allow for unforeseen issues.

There is also the possibility that during the pole relocation process there might be a land use change for the Cactus Avenue Corridor. The establishment of a medical corridor is being considered for job creation opportunities. The City is working out the details with the developers and interested medical establishments. The estimated schedule for this process is approximately 12 months and it will run concurrent to SCE's work to relocate the poles. The potential re-zoning of the Cactus Avenue Corridor has an impact on the starting time of the construction phase of this project, as the City needs approximately 12 months to work out details in conjunction with

developers on the potential changes to the street improvement plans that might be required to meet the corridor rezoning requirements.

In April 2010, the Commission adopted the State Local Partnership Program Guidelines (Resolution SLP1B-G-0910-002) which require the agency implementing a project to request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of the allocation. The SLPP Guidelines stipulate that the Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months.