

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Action Item

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Subject: **POST FACT REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF ALLOCATION FOR STATE-LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM PROJECT, PER SLPP GUIDELINES WAIVER-11-47**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) consider the post fact request by the City of Upland (City) to extend the period of allocation for the Foothill Boulevard project for four months from June 30, 2011 to October 31, 2011.

ISSUE:

In November 2010, the Commission programmed this project to receive \$1,000,000 in State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) competitive funds. The City was not ready to request an allocation of funds by the June 30, 2011; therefore, the City is requesting a post fact four-month time extension to October 31, 2011.

BACKGROUND:

The Foothill Boulevard project will widen Foothill Boulevard in the City, from Monte Vista Avenue to Central Avenue. The project scope includes new curbs, gutters, sidewalks, raised medians, asphalt concrete, street lights, signing and striping, bridge widening, water line, storm drains as well as median and parkway landscaping.

The City is asking for the time extension due to challenges with the environmental phase. During the initial environmental study, a potential kangaroo rat habitat was discovered. The City feels a delay to the project would be deemed appropriate in order to conduct a Habitat Assessment. Once the environmental requirements are in place, the City will request the allocation of SLPP funds and move forward with the construction phase. The City expects to have the Habitat Assessment completed and be ready to make a request for allocation for this project by October 31, 2011.

In April 2010, the Commission adopted the SLPP 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.