

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 LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS, PER RESOLUTION G-06-08, WAIVER-11-52**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the request by the City of Pittsburg (City) to extend the period of contract award for the Bailey Road Transit Access Improvement project (PPNO 04-0183H) for three months from July 31, 2011 to October 31, 2011, per Resolution G-06-08.

ISSUE:

On January 20, 2011, the Commission approved Resolution FP-10-21, allocating \$989,000 for the Bailey Road Transit Access Improvement project. The City will be unable to award the contract prior to the award deadline of July 31, 2011, due to unforeseen delays in obtaining right of way certification and approval of the Authorization to Proceed with Construction (E-76). The City is requesting a three-month time extension to October 31, 2011.

BACKGROUND:

The Bailey Road Transit Access Improvement project is located along the Bailey Road corridor from West Leland Road to the State Route 4 East Bound Ramps in the City and is in close proximity to the existing Pittsburg/Bay Point BART station. This project will improve access to public transportation, schools, businesses, and other community facilities and will enhance the aesthetics of the Bailey Road corridor. The scope of project includes construction of ten-foot-wide sidewalks, Class II bicycle lanes and landscaping, which require re-alignment of shoulders and median along Bailey Road.

The right of way acquisition and utility verification document reviews by the Department took more time than expected. The City did not obtain the right of way certification until May 2, 2011. The City received the E-76 authorization on June 27, 2011. The City anticipates advertising the project by July 31, 2011; however, if no bids are received or if bids must be rejected, additional time will be required to re-advertise the project and receive new bids. This process will require a minimum of eight weeks. Therefore, the City requests a three-month time extension to October 31, 2011, to allow time for any possible unforeseen bidding issues.

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.