

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-11-53**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the request by the City of Merced (City) to extend the period of contract award for the Yosemite Avenue Widening Improvement project for three months from July 31, 2011 to October 31, 2011, per State-Local Partnership Program Guidelines.

ISSUE:

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

BACKGROUND:

The Yosemite Avenue Widening Improvement project will widen approximately a quarter mile of Yosemite Avenue between G Street and Mansionette Drive into a five-lane arterial. The improvements will include roadway, sidewalk, curb, gutter, streetlights and traffic signal relocations. The project will complete a missing segment in an otherwise fully improved four-lane arterial roadway section. In addition to the safety enhancement achieved through congestion relief, the inclusion of curb and gutter improvements will eliminate the majority of the winter flooding that occurs at this intersection. This section of roadway is also contained within the City's Bicycle Plan. By widening this roadway, safe bicycle travel will be possible on a new Class II bicycle lane, and the project will also now include the construction of a new sidewalk.

The City was notified on April 12, 2011 that the project had been allocated. The City did not have enough time to advertise and award the contract by the July 31, 2011 deadline. The City is now underway with the contract advertisement and expects to award the contract by October 31, 2011.

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.