

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-11-57**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for the time periods identified for each project on the attached document.

ISSUE:

The Commission allocated \$1,445,000 for the construction of the two locally-administered State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects identified on the attachment. The responsible agencies have been unable to award the contracts within six months of allocation. The attachment describes the details of the projects and the explanations for the delays. The respective agencies request extensions, and the planning agencies concur.

BACKGROUND:

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.

Attachment

Time Extension/Waiver – Project Contract Award Deadline
 Local Streets and Roads Projects

Project #	Applicant County PPNO Project Description Reason for Project Delay	Extension Amount <i>Construction Only</i>	Allocation Date Resolution Number Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline CT Recommendation
1	City of Escondido San Diego PPNO 11-7421T Maple Street Pedestrian Plaza, TE	\$945,000	03/24/2011 FP-10-24 4 Months 01/31/2012 Approve
<p>The City of Escondido (City) is requesting a four-month extension to the period of contract award for the Maple Street Pedestrian Plaza TE project. The City experienced unanticipated design changes during the preparation of plans, specifications and estimate, which delayed the processing and approval of the Authorization to Proceed with Construction (E-76).</p> <p>The construction allocation was approved on March 24, 2011, and the Right of Way certification was approved on April 27, 2011. However, several design changes beyond the City's control delayed the E-76 approval necessary to advertise the project. Unanticipated design changes were due to several factors. The original design included an interactive water feature housed in a concrete block with open roof that caused water quality concerns and had to be redesigned. The soils investigation determined that native material presented drainage issues and the resulting potholing and further analysis and redesign delayed the project further. Finally, a cascading longitudinal waterfall feature in the project included several overflowing standpipes and interactive jet sprays, which were determined to be a potential safety hazard due to their orientation, and had to be redesigned.</p> <p>The E-76 was approved on September 6, 2011 after several months' delay. The City anticipates advertising the contract in early October 2011. 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 four-month time extension to January 31, 2012.</p>			
2	City of Seal Beach Orange PPNO 12-2135M Lampson Avenue Median Improvement TE	\$500,000	03/24/2011 FP-10-24 6 Months 03/31/2012 Approve
<p>The City of Seal Beach (City) is requesting a six-month extension to the period of contract award for the Lampson Avenue Median Improvement TE project. The County has experienced unanticipated delays in awarding the contract related to bid issues beyond its control.</p> <p>The City advertised the contract in August 2011 and received three bids; however, all bids exceeded the budgeted amount and had to be rejected. The City has decided to revise contract plans and to re-advertise the contract. The City estimates revising the contract plans will take an additional two months and to be able to re-advertise the contract by early November 2011, with bids opening by December 2011. If no bids are received or if bids must be rejected again, 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 six-month time extension to March 31, 2012.</p>			