

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: September 26-27, 2012

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR TWO LOCAL BRIDGE SEISMIC RETROFIT ACCOUNT (LBSRA) PROJECTS, PER LBSRA GUIDELINES WAIVER 12-58**

RECOMMENDATION:

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

ISSUE:

The Department sub-allocated \$332,400 for the construction of two locally-administered LBSRA projects identified on the attachment. The responsible agencies will be unable to award the contracts within six months of the sub-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 May 2008, the Commission adopted the LBSRA Guidelines (Resolution LBS1B-G-0708-001), which requires the agency implementing a project to request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of the sub-allocation date. The LBSRA Guidelines stipulate that the Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months.

Attachment

Time Extension/Waiver – Project Contract Award Deadline
Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit Account Projects

Project #	Applicant County Project Description Reason for Project Delay	Extension Amount <i>Construction Only</i>	Allocation Date Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline CT Recommendation
1	City of Antioch Contra Costa Wilbur Avenue & BNSF RR & Amtrak UP RR Bridge No. 28C0054	\$103,000	03/26/2012 6 Months 03/31/2013 Approve
<p>The City of Antioch (City) is requesting a six-month time extension to the period of contract award for Wilbur Avenue & Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Company (BNSF) Railroad (RR) & Amtrak, Union Pacific RR project. The City cannot award the project until BNSF has executed the Construction and Maintenance Agreement for the project. Per the federal funding guidelines, a Construction and Maintenance Agreement must be executed due to the required construction easement on BNSF property. The agreement will grant the City a temporary easement for construction of bridge foundations located on BNSF property. The City submitted the draft agreement to BNSF on May 16, 2012 and has not received the executed agreement back from BNSF. The City expects the agreement to be executed by September 30, 2012, and the project will be awarded before March 31, 2013. In order to allow time for the City to execute the Construction and Maintenance Agreement with BNSF and to award the contract, the City is requesting a six-month time extension to March 31, 2013.</p>			
2	City of Los Angeles Los Angeles North Spring Street over Los Angeles River Bridge No. 53C0859	\$229,400	04/06/2012 5 Months 03/31/2013 Approve
<p>The City of Los Angeles (City) is requesting a five-month time extension to the period of contract award for the North Spring Street over Los Angeles River project. The North Spring Street over Los Angeles project requires a long bid period. This project crosses over the Los Angeles River and two railroad corridors requiring complex sequencing to construct within the dry season of the riverbed and allowable railroad work windows. The bid phase may require up to nine months to respond to bidder questions, review bids and bidder qualifications, and award to the lowest responsive bidder. Although the funds were allocated in April 2012, additional matching funds for the Highway Railroad Crossing Safety Account (HRCSA) were not allocated until May 23, 2012. The preparation of bid documents began after the HRCSA allocation. In order to allow for a nine-month bid period for this project, the City is requesting a five-month extension to March 31, 2013.</p>			