

## Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 7-8, 2006

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT CONTRACT AWARD PER  
RESOLUTION G-03-19, STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
GUIDELINES  
WAIVER-06-25**

**CTC ACTION UPDATE: The California Transportation Commission approved the time extension request for Project #1 (PPNO 3436) for 12 months only, to June 30, 2007.**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Waiver-06-25, extending the period of contract award for the time periods identified for each project on the attached document.

### **ISSUE:**

The Commission allocated \$808,000 for the one STIP Transportation Enhancement project identified on the attached document. The responsible agencies have been unable to award the contracts and do not anticipate awarding the contracts by the deadlines. The attachment describes the details of the projects and the explanation of the delays. The respective agencies have requested an extension, and the planning agencies concur.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Resolution G-03-19, State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines, adopted by the Commission on December 11, 2003, stipulates that funds allocated for the construction phase of local grant projects are available for contract award for a period of 12 months from the date of allocation. The Guidelines further 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.

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

Project #	Applicant County	Extension Amount		Allocation Date	
		By Component (\$ in thousands)	TOTAL	Resolution Number	Number of Months Requested
	<b>PPNO</b>	<b>PS&amp;E</b> (Plans, Specifications and Estimates)		<b>Extended Deadline</b>	
	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>R/W</b> (Right of Way)		<b>CT Recommendation</b>	
		<b>CON</b> (Construction)			
		<b>TOTAL</b>			
	<b>Reason for Project Delay:</b>				
1	City of Torrance Los Angeles PPNO: 7-3436 Landscape medians and parkways	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$808 <b>\$808</b>		5/26/05 FP-04-56 <del>15 approved for 12 months only</del> <del>09/30/07</del> <b>06/30/07</b> Support	
	<p>On March 26, 2005, the Commission allocated \$808,000 to the city of Torrance (City) for the Hawthorne Boulevard Landscape Medians and Parkway TE Project.</p> <p>The length of this project (approximately 6 miles) and recent financial constraints required the City to divide the project into five segments. The first segment (PPNO 8020) was completed in 2001. The second segment is currently in construction, and its completion was delayed by inclement weather in the winter of 2005. The City did not anticipate the large amount of winter rainfall that occurred during this period when scheduling the time period for construction completion. This has subsequently delayed the start of the third segment.</p> <p>With the current staffing and funding levels, the City is unable to construct the second and third segments concurrently. Additionally, this would entail construction at both the north and south ends of Hawthorne Boulevard, which would heavily impact traffic on this major transportation corridor.</p> <p>The project has encountered delays that were beyond the City's control, and the City is requesting a fifteen-month time extension to complete the second segment and award a contract for the third segment. The agency currently anticipates awarding a contract in May 2007.</p>				
2	City of Whittier Los Angeles PPNO: 7-3440 Pedestrian and Bike Path	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$3,974 <b>\$3,974</b>		5/26/05 FP-04-56 12 months 5/31/07 Support	
	<b>Withdrawn prior to CTC meeting</b>				
	<b>Project has been awarded.</b>	<p>On March 1, 2006, the city of Whittier (City) advertised for bids on two projects: Whittier Greenway Segments 1 and 3 (the project addressed in this request), and Whittier Greenway Segment 2 (PPNO 07-2872). The City staff recommended the Whittier City Council award the Greenway Trail contract to Del Tierra on April 25, 2006; however, a member of the public challenged the contract award to Del Tierra. As a result, the City decided to delay the contract award until May 2006, while investigating allegations against Del Tierra. This would have allowed timely award of the contract. The projects were placed on the City Council's agenda for award on May 16, 2006, but on May 12, 2006, City staff was informed that there were new DBE requirements. Any contract awarded after May 1, 2006 must contain the new DBE goal in the contract documents, and the agency must re-advertise the project. Since the projects must now be re-advertised, the City cannot meet the award deadline of May 31, 2006.</p>			
3	City of Whittier Los Angeles PPNO: 7-2872 Construct Class 1 Bike Path and Walkway	\$30 \$0 \$0 \$1,634 <b>\$1,634</b>		5/26/05 FP-04-56 12 months 5/31/07 Support	
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