

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, PER FY 2005-06 ALLOCATION PLAN CRITERIA
WAIVER-06-26**

CTC ACTION UPDATE: The California Transportation Commission approved the time extension request for Project #1 and Project #2, as requested. The time extension request for Project #3 was denied.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Waiver-06-26, extending the period of contract award for the time periods identified for each project on the attached document.

ISSUE:

The Commission allocated \$705,000 for the construction of the three projects identified on the attachment. 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 request extensions, and the planning agencies concur.

BACKGROUND:

Resolution G-03-19, State Transportation Improvement Program 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.

At its July 2005 meeting, the Commission adopted the FY 2005-06 STIP/SHOPP Allocation Plan and Criteria, which limited FY 2005-06 allocations to projects ready to proceed to construction within six months. The FY 2005-06 STIP/SHOPP Allocation Plan and Criteria also requires the receiving agencies to request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within the six months.

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

Project #	Applicant County	Extension Amount By Component (\$ in thousands) E&P (Environmental & Permits) PS&E (Plans, Specifications and Estimates) R/W (Right of Way) CON (Construction) TOTAL	Allocation Date Resolution Number Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline CT Recommendation
	Reason for Project Delay:		
1	City of San Gabriel Los Angeles	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$297 \$297	11/3/2005 FP-05-30 12 months 05/31/2007 Support
	<p>PPNO: 7-3434 Landscape Median and Interchange</p> <p>The City of San Gabriel is requesting a 12-month time extension due to unforeseen delays.</p> <p>One of these delays was due to the need to work out a joint powers agreement with the Department to allow the City to temporarily perform maintenance on the interchange area, which is usually done by the Department. The landscape maintenance agreement was executed in July 2005.</p> <p>Another delay was experienced when the City had to obtain a construction encroachment permit. As a part of encroachment permit process, the plans also had to be approved by the District Landscape Architect. This was completed in October 2005.</p> <p>A third delay was experienced when the City encountered opposition to the original landscaping plans that called for installation of a welcome monument sign installed on the Westbound Business 10 and Northbound San Gabriel Boulevard off ramp. It took from June 2005 through November 2005 for the City negotiate an alteration in the plans, moving the sign's location in such a way as to obtain consensus and proceed with the project.</p> <p>The City submitted the Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E) Certification and Checklist to the Department in March 2006, which will be followed by the Request for Authorization to Proceed with Construction. The City currently anticipates awarding the contract in July or August 2006.</p>		
2	City of Los Angeles Los Angeles	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$303 \$303	12/15/2005 FP-05-48 6 months 12/31/2006 Support
	<p>PPNO: 7-3181 Construct Pedestrian Improvements</p> <p>The City of Los Angeles is requesting a 6-month time extension due to due to unforeseen delays.</p> <p>The City originally planned to construct the 64-space park-and-ride facility and an additional adjacent 61-space parking facility. However, after a review of the preliminary cost estimate at the 95% construction drawing stage, the City determined there would be insufficient funding. The City reduced the project to the 64-space park-and-ride as a stand-alone facility. Reengineering of the plans and additional local review delayed this project by three months. The City submitted the Request for Authorization to Proceed with Construction in May 2006, has addressed most issues identified by the Department; and is now making minor adjustments to accommodate a recent change in the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise requirements.</p> <p>The City currently anticipates advertising the project in June 2006 and awarding the contract in August 2006.</p>		

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3	City of Los Angeles	\$0	08/18/2005
	Los Angeles	\$0	FP-05-48
REQUEST DENIED	PPNO: 7-3174	\$0	12 months
	Renovation of Train Station	\$105	08/31/2007
		\$105	Do not support Does not meet STIP Guidelines
<p>In February 2006, the City of Los Angeles requested a 12-month extension to the original award deadline of 02/28/06 for this project. At that time, the City cited delays due to the need to include the project in the Federal Transportation Improvement Project (FTIP) Amendment 9 to change the fiscal year of the funding from 2004-05 to 2005-06, in addition to various other changes to the original FTIP. The FHWA approved the FTIP on November 17, 2005. In February 2006, the City was granted a six-month extension to August 31, 2006, in lieu of the 12-month extension requested.</p> <p>The City is now requesting a second extension due to delays caused by an automobile accident at the Train Depot. A motorist lost control of a vehicle on wet pavement, and crashed into the train Depot. This caused exterior damage to the building. The agency must re-engage the services of the Design Architect to provide additional drawings for the repair of the structure and update the Historical Structures report. The City is requesting a second-time extension of twelve months, in addition to the six months previously granted.</p>			