

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR ONE LOCALLY ADMIMISTERED STIP PROJECT ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER RESOLUTION G-06-08 WAIVER-07-17**

CTC ACTION UPDATE: The California Transportation Commission approved the extension request for three months only, to September 30, 2007.

RECOMMENDATION:

On behalf of the City of Bakersfield, the Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Waiver-07-17, extending the period of contract award for six months, to December 31, 2007, for construction of a new interchange at the intersection of State Route 178 and Fairfax Road in the city of Bakersfield (PPNO 3731, EA 395201).

ISSUE:

On December 14, 2006, the Commission allocated \$15,000,000 for this State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) project. In accordance with Resolution G-06-08, the deadline to award contracts for projects allocated on December 14, 2006, is June 14, 2007. The City of Bakersfield will not be able to meet the deadline and is requesting a time extension for the period of contract award.

All project development costs to date have been funded by the City of Bakersfield with local funds. The STIP funds are only for construction and are combined with SAFETEA-LU demonstration funds and additional local funds.

This project has been delayed by a prolonged review process for Federal Authorization (E-76 form) and amendment of the FY 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) to include additional SAFETEA-LU funds. All issues have been resolved and the plans are complete and approved. The City of Bakersfield will advertise the project as soon as the E-76 approval is received from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Approval of the E-76 is anticipated by the middle of June 2007. The project is tentatively scheduled to be advertised in July 2007, be awarded in September 2007, and start construction in late September 2007. However, due to uncertainty in the E-76 approval timeline, this extension request of six months is to allow for flexibility in the approval process.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2006, the Commission adopted Resolution G-06-08, making the six-month period to award a permanent requirement under the STIP Guidelines.