

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Action Item

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Subject: **ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM PROJECT SCOPE CHANGE REQUEST**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) consider this project scope change for the Cycle 1 Active Transportation Program (ATP) City of Laguna Hills – La Paz Sidewalk Widening project (PPNO 2170I). This project was adopted on December 20, 2014 and programmed for \$478,000.

ISSUE:

The City of Laguna Hills (City) submitted a scope change request for the La Paz Road Sidewalk Widening project (PPNO 2170I). The project intends to reconstruct sidewalks to meet standard sidewalk widths and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. The original project proposed to widen 1220 feet of sidewalk. The City, with the scope change request, proposes to remove 870 feet (70 percent) of the sidewalk widening from the project. The scope change is necessary due to increased real estate cost and unanticipated soil conditions.

The Department's analysis deemed the City's proposal as a more significant scope change due to the 70 percent reduction in sidewalk widening, in turn reducing the non-motorized user benefits of the project. The Department proposed two alternative scope modifications to the City that would provide compensatory ATP benefits; however, the City declined to pursue these modifications. Based on the analysis of the proposed scope change, the Department cannot support the request.

BACKGROUND:

Resolution G-16-29 amended the ATP Guidelines to stipulate that any agency implementing an ATP project present scope changes to the Department for consideration prior to allocation. The Department will make a recommendation to the Commission for final approval. Scope changes that result in a decrease of active transportation benefits may result in removal from the program.