

State of California
Business, Transportation and Housing Agency
Department of Transportation

PROJECT BUSINESS MATTERS
Extension Request – Project Allocation
Resolution: G-01-21

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WAIVER REQUEST – CTC RESOLUTION G-01-21
CTC STIP GUIDELINES
SECTION 65 – TIMELY USE OF FUNDS
LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS PROJECTS
WAIVER-02-05

RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Transportation's recommendations are shown on the attachment.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Resolution G-01-21, *STIP Guidelines*, adopted by the California Transportation Commission (Commission) on July 12, 2001, stipulates that funds programmed for all components of local grant projects are available for allocation only until the end of the fiscal year identified in the State Transportation Improvement Program. The guidelines further stipulate that the Commission may approve waivers to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.

The Commission has programmed \$530,000 in fiscal year 2001-2002 for the three projects on the attached list. The implementing agency, Sierra County, has been unable to allocate the funds and does not anticipate allocating the funds by the June 30, 2002 deadline. The attachment shows the details of each project and the delays that have resulted in the extension requests. The project sponsor requests extensions, and the planning agency concurs.

Attachment

Time Extension/Waiver – Allocation Deadline
Item 2.8a.(1) – Local Streets and Roads Projects
Program Year 2001/2002

Project #	Applicant County	Extension Amount			Number of Months Requested
		By Component (\$ in thousands)			
PPNO	Project Description	E&P	PS&E	R/W	Extended Deadline
		CON	TOTAL	CT Recommendation	
Reason for Project Delay:					
1	Sierra County Sierra	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	6 months 12/31/2002
	PPNO: 1L28 Sierra Buttes Road Bridge Replacement	\$66 \$66			Support – meets STIP guidelines
<p>Due to unexpected delays in obtaining NEPA/CEQA environmental approval resulting primarily from contractual problems with the environmental consultant, the County requested a time extension for allocation of right-of-way and final design phases. Due to these earlier delays, it is now necessary to obtain a time extension for the construction phase. The County expects the CEQA process completed, and it is expected that right-of-way will be certified and PS&E completed so as to advertise the project in the fall of 2002 for construction in the summer of 2003. An extension of 6 months is requested.</p>					
2	Sierra County Sierra	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	6 months 12/31/2002
	PPNO: 1L27 Goodyears Creek Road Bridge Replacement	\$80 \$80			Support, meets STIP guidelines
<p>The PA&ED phase completion was delayed due to the need to perform protocol surveys for the North Goshawk and the California Spotted Owl. The protocol surveys and associated Biological Evaluations were required as a condition of approval by the Forest Service. It was not originally anticipated that Forest Service approval of the ED would be required as the proposed right-of-way and surrounding lands were in the process of being transferred from Federal ownership under the Township Act process. Unfortunately, this did not occur and, as a result, the completion of the ED was delayed. Therefore, the County is requesting an extension of 6 months for the construction allocation.</p>					
2	Sierra County Sierra	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	15 months 09/30/2003
	PPNO: 1L29 Pearl Street Bridge Replacement – Downie River	\$384 \$384			Support, meets STIP guidelines
<p>Due to unexpected delays in completing the environmental process, resulting from a combination of the need to obtain clear community support for a preferred alternative and contractual problems with the environmental consultant, it was necessary to obtain a time extension for the PS&E and right-of-way phases (approved by CTC in June 2001). Due to these earlier delays, it is now necessary to obtain a time extension for the construction phase of the project. Final environmental technical studies have been completed and accepted by Caltrans. Preparation of the final environmental clearance documentation by Caltrans is pending the final selection of a preferred alternative by the County Board of Supervisors. It is expected that the County will be able to advertise the project in fall of 2003 for construction in the summer of 2004. Therefore, the County is requesting an extension of 15 months for the construction allocation</p>					