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PROJECT BUSINESS MATTERS
Request for Waiver – Contract Award
Action Item

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TIME EXTENSION REQUEST – CTC RESOLUTION G-99-25
GUIDELINES FOR ALLOCATING, MONITORING AND AUDITING OF
FUNDS FOR LOCAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS

TRANSIT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
PROPOSITION 108 AND PROPOSITION 116 BOND PROGRAMS
INTERREGIONAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
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ISSUE

Resolution G-99-25, *Guidelines for Allocating, Monitoring and Auditing of Funds for Local Assistance Projects*, adopted by the California Transportation Commission (Commission) on August 18, 1999, stipulates that recipients have up to 12 months after allocation of funds to award a contract. The Commission applied these requirements to projects funded by the Transit Capital Improvement (TCI) Program.

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is requesting a 12-month time extension for contract award, from May 11, 2001 through May 11, 2002, for funds allocated for Suisun City rail station parking lot improvements. Contract award has been delayed due to right of way and environmental considerations. Negotiations between the City of Suisun and property owners of the parcels located north of the station have taken more time than expected. Also, under Commission policy, properties must either be determined to be clean of hazardous wastes, or an agreement must be in place requiring the responsible parties to clean all hazardous wastes by a certain date. Since this lot has just now been environmentally cleared, acquisition, design, and construction of limited improvements could start during the next 3 to 12 months. However, the City of Suisun recently identified an additional site just east of the station on land that Caltrans owns, where additional parking capacity could be provided adjacent to the existing Caltrans Suisun City Park and Ride Lot. This proposal has involved extensive discussions between Solano Transportation Authority, City of Suisun, and Caltrans staff regarding the current Scope of Work, schedule and budget, transfer of ownership, maintenance responsibilities, securing the necessary permits and performing environmental studies.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends the Commission approve this time extension request from May 11, 2001 through May 11, 2002.

SUMMARY

The Commission approved \$591,000 (under Resolution MFP-99-22) from the Transit Capital Improvement (TCI) fund on May 11, 2000. The Department is working with the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) to develop contract language that meets Commission requirements. The Fund Transfer Agreement should be complete when STA and the City of Suisun revise their development schedules, scope of work and budget to reflect the complexity of environmental review and plan approval processes associated with the Park and Ride Lot in Suisun City.