

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

PROJECT BUSINESS MATTERS  
Extension Request – Contract Award  
Action Item

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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 01-53**

**ISSUE**

Resolution G-01-21, *STIP Guidelines*, adopted by the California Transportation Commission (Commission) on July 12, 2001, 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.

On December 6, 2000, the Commission allocated \$106,469 in Proposition 116 Non-Urban County Program Funds to the City of Chico (City) for the El Monte Avenue Bicycle Access to Hank Marsh School. The project includes bike lanes on El Monte Avenue, storm drainage, and a 6-foot pedestrian/equestrian path. The City is requesting a six-month extension for contract award, from December 6, 2001 to June 6, 2002.

Two factors have delayed the project. First, after initiating the project design, the project engineer left the City. Recently, the City hired an engineer who is focussing on completing the project. Secondly, the pedestrian/equestrian path complicated design of the roadside drainage facilities. Because of the limited right of way available for the path and the drainage, the City has needed additional time to resolve these issues.

The City will open bids for the project on October 25, 2001. The requested six-month extension will provide sufficient time for the city to award a contract for the project. The City expects to complete the project by December 31, 2002.

To date, there have been no reimbursements to the City for this project.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Department of Transportation recommends approval of the requested extension.