State of California
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Business, Transportation and Housing Agency

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Ref: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD PER RESOLUTION G-01-21, FOR STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP) – WAIVER-03-13**

ISSUE:

The California Transportation Commission (Commission) allocated construction funds totaling $8,874,000 for the two projects shown on the attached list. The attachment shows the details of each project and the delays that have resulted in the extension requests.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the Commission approve the time extension of the period of contract award for the projects listed in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

Resolution G-01-21, STIP Guidelines, adopted by the Commission on July 12, 2001, stipulates that funds allocated for the Caltrans construction are available for contract award for a period of 12 months from the date of allocation. The guidelines further stipulate that the Commission may approve waivers to the contract award deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.

Attachment

2.8b(5) Time Extension / Waiver - Contract Award

Project	Element*	District	County	Route	PPNO/ EA	PROJECT LOCATION DESCRIPTION	Fund Source*	Programmed Amount (x $1,000)	REASON FOR DELAY	Department's Reques Months	until end of (month-yr)
1	CTCO	8	RIV	71/91	0048B/ 446511	Green River Road Interchange (Near Corona from Green River Road to Route 71/91 Interchange-Reconstruct interchange and construct auxiliary lane (Eastbound Route 91)	IIP	**$219**	In June 2002, funds were allocated for this project in Riverside County to widen Route 71 to a four-lane expressway. Advertisement on the project was postponed due to changes in the Army Corps of Engineers permit requirements after the project was complete. Permit and reevaluation issues have since been resolved and the project is cleared for advertisement. Funding of this project is being switched to utilize more federal than state money. The construction IIP funds of this project will be swapped for TEA-21 Federal Demonstration Funds from the Route 71/91 Interchange Project (PPNO 0048W). The allocation adjustment was included and approved in the May 2003 California Transportation Commission (Commission) Meeting's Book Item 2.5g. with no net change to project cost.	6	Dec-03
2	CTCO	12	ORA	605	5242 / 079201	In Los Alamitos, from Route 405 to Los Angeles County line - Widen freeway to add high occupancy vehicle lanes.	IIP	**$ 8,655**	In June 2002, funds were allocated for a project in Orange County to widen the freeway and add two High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes on Route 605. The advertisement was delayed to allow the district to address concerns from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The project was advertised on March 24, 2003, and bids opened on May 1, 2003. A total of twelve bids were submitted and the low bid is 5.9% under the Engineer's Estimate. The low bidder was found by FHWA to have not made a good faith effort to meet the DBE goal for the project. The low bidder can appeal the findings which may delay the award of the contract by up to three months.	3	Sep-03

Element:
"CTCO" denotes Caltrans Capital Outlay

Fund Source:
"IIP" denotes Interregional Improvement Program funds.
"RIP" denotes Regional Improvement Program funds.