

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 16-17, 2004

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Action Item

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Ref: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR STIP
PROJECTS, PER RESOLUTION G-03-19
WAIVER-03-56**

ISSUE:

The California Transportation Commission (Commission) allocated construction funds totaling \$98,793,000 for the three 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 this time extension of the period of contract award for the projects listed in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

Resolution G-03-19, State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines, adopted by the Commission on December 11, 2003, stipulates that funds allocated for 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(2) Time Extension / Waiver - Contract Award

Project	Element*	District	County	Route	PPNO/ EA	PROJECT LOCATION DESCRIPTION	Fund Source**	Programmed Amount (\$'s x 1000)	REASONS FOR DELAY	Department's Request	
										Months	until end of (month-yr.)
1	CTCO	7	LA	405	0837A & 0837C/ 1178A0 & 1178C0	Route 405 - Route 90 to Route 10 northbound and southbound HOV lanes	RIP and GF-RIP	\$86,270	This project was voted by the Commission in June 2003 with federally approved Right of Way Certification Workaround (Certification 3). Since more than 76 parcels are involved in this project, right of way needed additional time to upgrade the certification. This project was advertised on March 15, 2004. However, four major Contractors have filed petitions to the Department requesting to delay the bid opening. The award date was postponed due to requests by bidders to delay the bid opening. The reason for their requests is due to the concurrent multiple project bid openings in the region and the size of this project. Bids were opened on June 3, 2004. Four bids were received with the a low bid approximately 20% over the Engineer's Estimate. The Department is requesting an award time extension of twelve months to allow enough time to re-advertise the project, or to request additional funding.	12	Jun-05
2	CTCO	4	ALA	880	0016F/ 2332U	Route 880 - Alvarado/Niles widening for HOV lanes	GF-RIP	\$8,923	In June 2003, STIP Amendment 02S-074 was approved which reprogrammed part of this project as AB 3090 Reimbursement and AB 3090 Replacement. The project also received an allocation of \$8,923,000. The advertisement was delayed as a result of multiple revisions to the STIP programming to address the AB 3090 arrangement and bid opening was delayed to allow contractors to review an addendum. The bid opening is currently scheduled for June 9, 2004. If the bids come high, the Department will need a six month time extension to secure funding and readvertise the project. The Department is requesting a six month award time extension for the \$8,923,000 of RIP funds. This project was combined with SHOPP project PPNO 0018K for construction; therefore, there is a concurrent SHOPP award time extension.	6	Dec-04
3	CTCO	4	SON	101	0781M / 272421	Route 101 - Construct soundwalls	RIP and GF-RIP	\$3,600	In June 2003 the project received an allocation of \$3,600,000. The project was advertised and bids were opened on September 17, 2003. The bids came in high. The Department decided to cancel all bids and rescope the project. As a result, rescoping the soundwalls required an environmental reevaluation. The revised PS&E, which was completed on March 19, 2004, eliminated one of the soundwalls and reduced the height of the other soundwalls. The project was readvertised and bids were opened on May 18, 2004. The low bid exceeds the allowable funding increase authorized by the CTC Resolution G-12 capacity. The Department is looking into other options and request a six month time extension to award the contract.	6	Dec-04

*Element: "CTCO" denotes Caltrans Capital Outlay.

**Fund Source: "RIP" denotes Regional Improvement Program funds.
"GF-RIP" denotes Grandfathered Regional Improvement Program funds.