

# Memorandum

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Action Item

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Ref: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION, PER RESOLUTION G-03-19, STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GUIDELINES WAIVER-05-01**

## **ISSUE**

Resolution G-03-19, State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines, adopted by the California Transportation Commission (Commission) on December 11, 2003, stipulates that the Commission may extend the deadline for project completion no more than one time and only if it finds that an unforeseen and extraordinary circumstance beyond the control of the responsible agency has occurred that justifies the extension. The extension will not exceed the period of delay directly attributed to the extraordinary circumstance and will in no event be for more than twenty (20) months.

For the STIP Global Positioning System (GPS) project, the Department of Transportation (Department) will not be able to meet the project completion deadline specified in the STIP Guidelines and requests an extension of 20 months, until October 31, 2006, to allow sufficient time to resolve outstanding issues.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Department of Transportation recommends approval of the extension request.

## **BACKGROUND**

On February 28, 2002, the Commission approved Resolution MFP-01-13, allocating \$132,000 in STIP funds for the GPS Pacific Surfliner project. This funded an agreement that is one of three elements of an overall project totaling \$1,432,000. Delays with other phases of the overall project (mainly having to do with communications from locomotives) have resulted in the need for more time to complete this final phase.

The first contract was with Geo Focus for design and development of hardware and software. Most of the delay occurred in this part of the project and had to do with difficulties in implementing the system by which the locomotive location could be identified. The next phase, also with Geo Focus, mainly involved implementation of the project but also produced a small delay due to difficulty with installing equipment on the locomotives. It was necessary to resolve the problems with these two earlier phases before the third, and last, phase can be completed.

The last phase is an option exercised as part of the Geo Focus contract that provides the final software development and final connections of the system.