

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: April 13-14, 2005

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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-05-07**

ISSUE:

The California Transportation Commission (Commission) allocated construction funds for \$1,135,000 for a project in Los Angeles County as shown on the attachment. The implementing agency awarded the contract, but does not anticipate completing the project by the completion deadline. The attachment shows the details of the project and the delays that have caused the extension request. The project sponsor requests an extension, and the planning agency concurs.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation's recommendation is shown on the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

Resolution G-03-19, State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines, adopted by the Commission on December 11, 2003, stipulates that after a contract is awarded, the implementing agency has up to 36 months to complete the contract. The Guidelines further stipulate that the Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.

Attachment

Time Extension/Waiver – Project Completion Deadline
 Local Streets and Roads Projects

Project #	Applicant County	Extension Amount By Component (\$ in thousands)	Number of Months Requested
			Extended Deadline
PPNO Project Description		R/W CON TOTAL	CT Recommendation
Reason for Project Delay:			
1	City of Los Angeles	\$0	12 months
	Los Angeles	\$0	
		\$0	05/20/2006
	PPNO: 07-2866 Northeast Linkages Phase 2 Along the Los Angeles to Pasadena (Light Rail) Line Corridor	\$1,135 \$1,135	Support – meets STIP guidelines
<p>The original project schedule had a construction completion date of March 31, 2005. However, the City of Los Angeles is requesting a 12-month extension because an important component of this project was the implementation of a pedestrian lighting system along Avenue 26, adjacent to the Avenue 26 Metro Rail Station. Any pedestrian lighting system constructed in the City triggers a need for a positive vote through the “Prop 218” process, a process by which the majority (51%) of the affected property owners need to approve an increase in their property taxes to cover the costs for ongoing maintenance of the new lighting system. Typically, this assessment process requires approximately six to nine months to complete, time which was calculated into the original project schedule. However, the “Prop 218” did not get the required 51% approval rating it needed to proceed in the first attempt. Therefore, additional community outreach needed to be conducted and the “Prop 218” process was conducted again. The City obtained the necessary approval rating the second time around. However, this extended the schedule by an additional nine months,. An additional three-month delay was also encountered as the pedestrian lighting equipment, shipped from Canada, was on back order for three months. The extension request is directly attributable to the time required to conduct the Prop 218 process a second time, as well as delays in procuring the necessary equipment.</p>			