

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 7-8, 2006

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION PER RESOLUTION G-05-07, STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GUIDELINES WAIVER-06-20**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Waiver-06-20, extending the period of project allocation for the time periods identified for each project on the attached document.

ISSUE:

The Commission programmed funds totaling \$124,483,000 in FY 2005-06 for the nine projects, as shown on the attachment. The funds will not be allocated by the June 30, 2006 deadline. The attachment shows the details of the projects and the explanation of the delays. The project sponsors have requested an extension, and the regional planning agencies concur.

BACKGROUND:

Resolution G-05-07, State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines, adopted by the Commission on September 29, 2005, stipulates 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 Allocation Deadline

Project #	Dist-Co-Rte Implementing Agency	Program / Year Extension Amount By Component (\$ in thousands)	Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline
	PPNO Project Description	E&P (Environmental & Permits) PS&E (Plans, Specifications and Estimates) R/W (Right of Way) CON (Construction) TOTAL	CT Recommendation
	Reason for Project Delay:		
1	03-Pla-28 Tahoe Regional Planning Agency PPNO: 03-4679 Kings Beach - Commercial Core Improvement Project – Roadway widening	RIP / 05-06 \$0 \$1,187 \$0 \$0 \$1,187	11 months 05/30/07 Support – meets STIP guidelines
	Placer County is requesting an 11-month time extension for PS&E allocation of the Kings Beach Commercial Core Improvement Project. In order to proceed with a PS&E allocation, the project must meet several constraints. Not only do the requirements of CEQA and NEPA have to be met, projects in the Tahoe region are also subject to separate additional environmental analysis through the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's (TRPA) Code of Ordinances. The environmental review has been delayed due to the incorporation and evaluation of four design alternatives that need to meet the requirements of the three applicable environmental acts. This additional review process has delayed approval of the Environmental document. It is anticipated that 11 months will be enough time so that CEQA, NEPA, and TRPA's Code of Ordinances will all be cleared for this project in order to obtain a PS&E allocation.		
2	03-Yub-65 City of Wheatland PPNO: 03-3L59 In the city of Wheatland at Main Street - Signalize Intersection	RIP / 05-06 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$288 \$288	13 months 02/29/2008 Support – meets STIP guidelines
	The City of Wheatland is requesting a 13-month time extension for construction allocation of the Route 65/Main Street signalization project. The construction of this signalization project is dependent on the completion of an adjacent project (Route 65/First Street) along Route 65. The adjacent Route 65/First Street project will provide channelization and sidewalks along Route 65 and a traffic signal at First Street. Construction of the Route 65/First Street project is expected to begin in early FY 2006-07 and will take approximately 13 months to complete. Upon completion of construction, the Route 65/Main Street project will be ready for construction allocation. The City of Wheatland will complete the Environmental, PS&E and R/W components with local funds.		
3	04-SCI-152 Department of Transportation PPNO: 04-0486G Near Gilroy - Construct Truck Climbing Lanes	RIP / 05-06 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$1,800 \$1,800	20 months 03/31/08 Support – meets STIP guidelines
	The Department is requesting a 20-month time extension for construction allocation. This project is programmed in the 2006 STIP with \$1,800,000 IIP for construction. The project also has \$6,075,000 in Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Federal Demonstration funds, for a total of \$7,875,000 in available funding. The current construction estimate is \$11,069,000, which is a \$3,194,000 shortfall. ITIP shares have been fully programmed in the 2006. VTA has been asked to fund the shortfall. Potential funding options include negotiating funding arrangements with other local agencies or identifying other project funds that could be shifted to this project. Another option being considered is down scoping the project, which would require approximately 20 months for re-evaluation of the Environmental Document.		

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4	05-SLO-41 Department of Transportation	RIP / 05-06 \$0	12 months
	PPNO: 05-0452	\$0	06/30/07
	Near Cholame – Construct Truck Climbing Lane	\$857 IIP / 05-06 \$0 \$0 \$3,430 \$4,287	Support – meets STIP guidelines
<p>This project, the Cottonwood truck climbing lanes, is ready for an allocation. The STIP project is tied to an existing State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) project. The SHOPP project is a District 6 project that was allocated by the Commission on November 3, 2005 for \$14,315,000 and will perform earthwork activities necessary for the STIP project. There were no bidders for the SHOPP project, and it was determined the project needs additional funding to be re-advertised. The Department has submitted a request for Supplemental Funds under Reference 2.5e. (3) for the June CTC Meeting. It is still uncertain if the additional funding will be allocated to the SHOPP project. Once the SHOPP project has been allocated, the STIP project will be requesting an allocation a few months later, due to the lead-time necessary for the SHOPP project.</p>			
5	05-SLO-101 Department of Transportation	RIP / 05-06 \$0	20 months
	PPNO: 05-0520	\$0	02/28/08
	In Atascadero - SR 41/ US 101 Interchange Reconstruction	\$15,946 \$15,946	Support – meets STIP guidelines
<p>This project has had considerable cost increases due to escalation in construction costs during the last few months. In the 2006 STIP, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) added funding to the project for cost increases based on cost estimates prepared in late 2005. After the 2006 STIP adoption, the programmed funding for construction is \$15,946,000. The current construction estimate indicated a further cost increase to \$20,500,000. After the Department discussed the cost increases with SLOCOG, the SLOCOG board requested the Department temporarily suspend project delivery and a Value Analysis be performed in the interest of remaining within current programmed funding. The request to conduct a Value Analysis for this stage of project delivery was due to the fact that the total project cost now exceeds \$25,000,000. The Value Analysis is now complete with two new alternatives for consideration. The Value Analysis indicates there are potential cost savings for the new alternatives. It will take several months to reevaluate the environmental document, redesign the project and to obtain final right of way certification.</p>			
6	06-Ker-178 City of Bakersfield	RIP / 05-06 \$0	6 months
	PPNO: 06-3731	\$0	12/31/06
	In Bakersfield - widen 2-lane highway to 4-lanes and construct interchange at Fairfax Road	\$15,000 \$15,000	Support – meets STIP guidelines
<p>This project is a Local Capital Outlay project implemented by the City of Bakersfield. The City of Bakersfield has a consultant that will design and build the project. During the design process, utility relocation of an existing water line within the project limits became an issue. The waterline was originally to be relocated outside the project limits, but the water company was not in concurrence with the new location. The final location of the waterline was ultimately resolved and the waterline was relocated into the new bridge at the interchange. Due to the relocation of the waterline, right of way certification has been delayed and design changes must be made to the bridge plans. The design is nearing 95% complete. The City of Bakersfield anticipates advertising this project in December 2006.</p>			

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Reason for Project Delay:			
7	06-Tul-198 Department of Transportation	RIP / 05-06 \$0 \$0 \$271 \$271	4 months 10/31/06 Support – meets STIP guidelines
	PPNO: 06-D008 Near Exeter - Install traffic signal and improve intersection.		
The cost of the project escalated due to the rising cost of materials and unit prices. In order to keep the cost within the programmed amount the scope of work was reduced by eliminating the left-turn lanes at State Route 245 and Road 196 and eliminating the Park and Ride lot. Unfortunately reducing scope added additional unanticipated time to the project, since this required reengineering, writing several iterations of the Cooperative Agreement and conducting meetings and negotiations with interested parties. All of the additional activities were time consuming resulting in a project delay and a request for time extension.			
8	10-Sta-132 Stanislaus County	RIP / 05-06 \$0 \$0 \$9,143 \$9,143	20 months 02/28/08 Support – meets STIP guidelines
	PPNO: 10-9797 In Modesto - Route 132 East Infill Project - widen to 4 lanes		
This project is ready for an allocation, but has been affected by Environmental Protection Agency's Code of Federal Regulations regarding particle emissions impacts in PM2.5 no-attainment and maintenance areas. The PM2.5 is a new air quality standard. Due to the location of this project, a suitable conformity determination must be made for this project. The conformity determination impacts Final NEPA documents, design and possibly Right of Way. The San Joaquin Valley is one of the regions statewide that is affected by this new conformity ruling. The Stanislaus Council of Governments is uncertain how long it will take to meet these new requirements, and is therefore requesting 20 months.			
9	11-SD-905 Department of Transportation	RIP / 05-06 \$0 \$0 \$9,488	12 months 7/31/2007 Support – meets STIP guidelines
	PPNO: 11-0374K New Route 905 Freeway - Otay Mesa.	IIP / 05-06 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$67,073 \$76,561	
Phase 1 of the project is to construct a 6-lane freeway and interchanges from the Otay Mesa Port of Entry to the interchange at I-905 / I-805. The project was fully funded in the 2002 STIP with a combination of STIP, TCRP and federal demonstration funds. Due to rapid increases in right of way and construction costs, available funding is insufficient to fund a usable segment of the new freeway. The Department added \$30 million of IIP in the 2006 STIP and anticipates fully funding the projects with SAFETEA LU Coordinated Border Infrastructure Program (BIP) funds. Senate Bill (SB) 1282 (Ducheny) establishes the procedures to program and access the BIP funds. The Department requests a 12 month time extension to allow passage of this legislation to fully fund the construction of this project.			