

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT CONTRACT AWARD FOR  
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS, PER FISCAL YEAR 2005-06  
ALLOCATION PLAN CRITERIA  
WAIVER-06-37**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Waiver-06-37 extending the period of contract award for the time periods identified for each project on the attached document.

## **ISSUE:**

The Commission allocated \$1,130,000 for the construction of the two projects identified on the attachment. The responsible agencies have been unable to award the contracts and do not anticipate awarding the contracts by the deadlines. The attachment describes the details of the projects and the explanation of the delays. The respective agencies request extensions, and the planning agencies concur.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Resolution G-03-19, State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines, adopted by the Commission on December 11, 2003, stipulates that funds allocated for the construction phase of local grant projects 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 a waiver to the contract award deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.

In July 2005, the Commission adopted the Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-06 STIP/SHOPP Allocation Plan and Criteria, which limited FY 2005-06 allocations to projects ready to proceed to construction within six months. The FY 2005-06 STIP/SHOPP Allocation Plan and Criteria also requires the receiving agencies to request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within the six months.

Attachment

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

Project #	Applicant County	Extension Amount By Component (\$ in thousands) E&P (Environmental & Permits) PS&E (Plans, Specifications and Estimates) R/W (Right of Way) CON (Construction) TOTAL	Allocation Date Resolution Number Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline CT Recommendation
	<b>Reason for Project Delay:</b>		
1	County of Lake Lake	\$0 \$0 \$0	4/27/2006 FP-05-73 6 months
	PPNO: 1-3031R Merritt Road Bridge	\$571 <b>\$571</b>	04/30/2007 Support
<p>The county of Lake is requesting a 6-month time extension due to unforeseen delays.</p> <p>The reason for project award delay is the longer than expected right of way acquisition process. The county is having problems acquiring property and a temporary construction easement from one property owner. The county may have to proceed with condemnation if the property owner will not willingly cooperate. Assuming the property owner has signed the Buyers and Sellers Instructions by the end of September 2006 and also assuming the Federal Transportation Improvement Project amendment can be approved by early December 2006, the project will then have the following timeline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Acquisition of property and temporary construction easement on October 26, 2006</li> <li>-Obtain Right-of-Way Certification on November 17, 2006</li> <li>-Submit Authorization Request by December 10, 2006</li> <li>-Obtain Authorization from the Department by December 26, 2006</li> <li>-Advertise project for thirty days (January 1, 2007 to January 31, 2007)</li> <li>-Open Bids on February 1, 2007</li> <li>-Award contract by March 14, 2007</li> <li>-Hold preconstruction meeting and notice to proceed on March 23, 2007</li> <li>-Start construction on April 3, 2007.</li> </ul>			
2	City of Calabasas Los Angeles	\$0 \$0 \$0	4/27/2006 FP-05-73 6 months
	PPNO: 7-3147 Route 101 Bike Lane Gap Closure	\$559 <b>\$559</b>	04/30/2007 Support
<p>The city of Calabasas is requesting a 6-month time extension due to unforeseen delays.</p> <p>The city has experienced an unusually high rate of staffing changes over the past several months, while continuing to recover from the catastrophic winter storms that caused serious damage in the area. In addition, the city's consultations with Los Angeles County engineers regarding the design details for this project have been more complicated and time-consuming than anticipated.</p> <p>The city submitted the Request for Authorization to Proceed with construction to Caltrans in August 2006 and expects it to be approved as soon as obligation authority becomes available. The city anticipates advertising the project in November or December 2006 and awarding the contract in February or March 2007.</p>			