

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR ONE STIP PROJECT,
PER FY 2005-06 STIP/SHOPP ALLOCATION PLAN CRITERIA
WAIVER-06-40**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Waiver-06-40, extending the period of contract award for six months, to April 30, 2007, for the Redding Downtown Improvements project (PPNO 6651) on Route 273 in Shasta County programmed in the 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

ISSUE:

For Redding Downtown Improvements project (PPNO 6651), the Department will not be able to meet the contract award deadline of six months established under the FY 2005-06 STIP/SHOPP Allocation Plan and Criteria. In April 2006, \$2,281,000 was allocated for construction of a realignment project. The project was advertised July 3, 2006 and bid opening was August 2, 2006. The bids were rejected because the low bid was 62 percent over the Engineer's Estimate. The Department is currently re-scoping the project to stay within the allocated amount. Based on a revised schedule, the project should be awarded by April 15, 2007. The Department is requesting an award extension of six months, and Commission approval of the extension request is needed in order to re-advertise and award the project.

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with the Commission's FY 2005-06 STIP/SHOPP Allocation Plan and Criteria, the deadline to award contracts for the projects allocated in April 2006, is October 31, 2006. The Department is requesting an extension for contract award as authorized under the allocation plan.

At its July 2005 meeting, the Commission adopted the 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.