

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD, PER
RESOLUTION G-06-08
WAIVER-07-03**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Waiver-07-03, extending the period of contract award for six months, to July 31, 2007, for the Highway Planting and Restoration project for \$1,617,000 (PPNO 0785Y, EA 04-1A3901) on Route 4 in Alameda County programmed in the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP).

ISSUE:

In accordance with Resolution G-06-08, the deadline to award contracts for projects allocated on July 20, 2006, is January 20, 2007. For project PPNO 0785Y, the Department will not be able to meet the contract award deadline of six months.

This SHOPP project was advertised on August 28, 2006, with bid opening scheduled for November 15, 2006. No bids were received. Several plan holders indicated that they were concerned about safety issues, since work was to be done at night. The Department is requesting a six-month extension to allow time to modify the contract to reduce shoulder closure requirements and allow work to be done during the day, and also reach out to attract a larger number of tree removal contractors. The following schedule is based on the revised package: Plans, Specifications, and Estimate – March 1, 2007; Ready To List for advertisement – April 2, 2007; Advertisement – May 7, 2007; Bid opening – June 5, 2007; Award – July 3, 2007.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2006, the Commission adopted Resolution G-06-08, making the six-month period to award a permanent requirement under the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines.