

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 STIP
PROJECTS, PER RESOLUTION G-06-08
WAIVER-07-27**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Waiver-07-27, extending the period of contract award by three months, to January 31, 2008, for the Route 118 Wildlife Corridor Enhancement project located west of Rocky Peak Road in Ventura County. (PPNO 3552, EA 07-246901).

ISSUE:

The project was originally advertised on May 29, 2007, and bids were opened on June 28, 2007. However, the project could not be awarded since the required FHWA Authorization to Proceed to Construction (Form E-76) was not secured. In the meantime, several standard electrical specifications were updated and needed to be reflected in the project's Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E). The E-76 form has since been authorized, and the PS&E package has been updated. The project is ready to be re-advertised. The Department is requesting a three-month time extension to allow time to award the project. The project was advertised on October 9, 2007. Bid opening is scheduled for November 8, 2007, and award date is scheduled for December 13, 2007.

BACKGROUND:

On April 26, 2007, the Commission approved Resolution FP-06-86 allocating \$379,000 for a Route 118 Wildlife Corridor Enhancement project programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The project is to repair, relocate and install fencing to prevent wildlife from entering the freeway, thus improving traffic safety. In accordance with Resolution G-06-08, the deadline to award contracts for projects allocated on April 26, 2007, is October 26, 2007. The Department will not be able to meet the deadline for this project and is requesting a time extension for the period of contract award.

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