

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: July 23-24, 2008

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR TCRP PROJECTS, PER RESOLUTION G-06-08, WAIVER-08-30**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Waiver-08-30, extending the period of contract award by six months, to January 2009, for Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) Project #97.1 – operational improvements on Shaw Avenue, Chestnut Avenue, Willow Avenue, and Barstow Avenue near California State University at Fresno in Fresno County.

ISSUE:

The Fresno Irrigation District (FID) has experienced delays in finalizing their plans for relocation of an irrigation pipeline due to issues relating to the pipeline alignment, easements, and a cooperative agreement with the City of Clovis (City). These delays resulted in late comments from the FID on the utility relocation plans for this project. This has impacted the City's ability to finalize the design plans. A complete Request for Construction Authorization to Proceed will be submitted later this month. The City is requesting a six-month time extension allowing adequate time to receive the authorization to proceed.

BACKGROUND:

On January 10, 2008, the Commission approved Resolution TFP-07-09, allocating \$295,000 in new TCRP funding for construction to improve traffic flow at the intersection of Willow and Herndon Avenues in the City of Clovis. In accordance with Resolution G-06-08, the deadline to award contracts for projects allocated in January 2008 is July 2008. The City has not been able to meet the deadline for the full allocation amount and is requesting a six-month extension to award the remaining amount, extending the deadline to January 2009.