

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT
EXPENDITURES FOR LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS,
PER STIP GUIDELINES
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RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve a six month extension request, to December 30, 2010, for the period of project development expenditure for the San Francisco Terminal Ferry Berth project (PPNO 2014J).

ISSUE:

On December 13, 2007, the Commission approved Resolution MFP-07-10 allocating \$1,000,000 to the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) for the San Francisco Terminal Ferry Berth project. The District has been unable to complete the environmental phase by the deadline due to a delay in the purchase of the vessels to be housed in the new facility. Prior to performing design and environmental studies, the composition of the fleet had to be determined given that facilities are designed based on fleet characteristics and composition. Issues regarding air quality regulations for the vessels were also deliberated causing additional delays. Finally, in 2009, the District purchased two used vessels and was then able to proceed with the fleet composition.

In addition, the lack of any finalized accessibility guidelines for vessels, which must be known prior to performing preliminary studies, further delayed the project. Not anticipating any significant changes to the final version, the District used the U.S. Access Board Revised 2008 Draft Passenger Vessel Guidelines to award a contract in September 2009. As of March 2010, \$105,000 has been expended on consultant and staff work. The project is active and underway and the District anticipates expending about \$500,000 by the end of 2010. An additional six months (to December 30, 2010) will be needed to complete the environmental phase.

BACKGROUND:

Current State Transportation Improvement Program guidelines stipulate that funds allocated for local project development must be expended by the end of the second fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the funds were allocated. The Commission may approve waivers to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Government Code Section 14529.8.