

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR STATE-LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM PROJECT, PER SLPP GUIDELINES WAIVER-10-39**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the request from the city of Placerville (City) to extend the period of contract award for the Point View Drive Extension project, programmed in the State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) for nine months, to April 30, 2011.

ISSUE:

On January 13, 2010, the Commission approved Resolution SLP1B-A-0910-02, allocating \$750,000 for the Point View Drive Extension project. The City was unable to award the contract prior to the award deadline of July 31, 2010. The City is requesting a nine-month time extension, to April 30, 2011.

BACKGROUND:

The project will construct a new connector road and provide Class II bike lanes. The new connector road will enhance safety and improve circulation and mobility for local and regional traffic, including visitors to the Apple Hill area, by providing an additional access route from Highway 50 to Jacquier Road and Carson Road. The project is needed to respond to existing local and regional traffic demand and to address uncontrolled, at-grade, left-turn movements from Highway 50 onto Carson Road. The City and a developer had shared responsibilities.

The developer, in September 2008, completed construction of the portion of the roadway project in the area fronting the hotel and gas station site, but in November 2009 lost the project to foreclosure. The conditions of approval for the Hotel and Gas Station project required the developer to dedicate the on-site portions of the required roadway rights-of-way (R/W), and acquire and dedicate portions of the off-site R/W, to the City. The developer did not dedicate the R/W necessary to proceed with the project to the City.

At its February 23, 2010 meeting, the Placerville City Council authorized the R/W acquisition process to begin. The City proceeded immediately with the R/W process and appraisals were completed in May 2010. The City is still negotiating with the property owners. If the offers to the property owners are refused, the City will need additional time to pursue acquisition through eminent domain. For these reasons the City will not be able to certify R/W in time to meet the July 31, 2010 award deadline. The City is requesting a nine-month time extension; three months for acquisition and a six-month contingency for the eminent domain process. The new construction contract award deadline requested is April 30, 2011.

On July 8, 2009, the Commission adopted the State Local Partnership Program Guidelines (Resolution SLP1B-G-0910-001) which require the agency implementing a project to request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of the sub-allocation date. The SLPP Guidelines stipulate that the Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months.