

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-11-08**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve an extension to the period of contract award for Phase 2A of the Road 200 Reconstruction and Widening State Local Partnership Program (SLPP) project for six months, to May 31, 2011.

ISSUE:

On May 20, 2010, the Commission approved Resolution SLP1B-A-0910-04, allocating \$544,000 to the County of Madera (County) for the Road 200 Reconstruction and Widening SLPP project. The County was not able to award the contract prior to the award deadline of November 30, 2010. Due to environmental issues and funding delays, the project is being divided into two separate projects, Phase 2A and Phase 2B. The County requests a six-month time extension for Phase 2A to May 31, 2011.

BACKGROUND:

Due to environmental and funding delays, the County is dividing the Road 200 Reconstruction and Widening SLPP project into two separate projects, Phase 2A and Phase 2B. The environmental issues affecting this project have delayed the start of construction. By separating this into two projects the County will be able to start the project and still meet the requirements of the SLPP.

Phase 2A will be to build a bridge over Ladd Creek. The County has the Local Measure match funds to complete Phase 2A, and will apply the \$544,000 to Phase 2A along with the matching funds so that the project can move forward. The county anticipates awarding a contract for Phase 2A and beginning construction in March 2011, and is asking for two additional months beyond that date to allow for unforeseen delays to the contract award.

Phase 2B will be the Road 200 widening portion of the project, including relocation of affected utilities and drainage facilities within the right of way. Phase 2B is anticipated to start construction in March 2012.

In April 2010, the Commission adopted the SLPP Guidelines (Resolution SLP1B-G-0910-002) which require the agency implementing a project to request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of the allocation. The SLPP Guidelines stipulate that the applicants may submit and the Commission will evaluate extension requests in the same manner as for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects.