

# 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 LOCAL BRIDGE SEISMIC RETROFIT ACCOUNT , PER LBSRA GUIDELINES WAIVER-11-24**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the request by the County of Alameda (County) to extend the period of contract award for the Miller Sweeney Bridge project for six months, to October 31, 2011.

## **ISSUE:**

The Department sub-allocated \$52,906 on October 28, 2010, to the County for construction on the Miller Sweeney Bridge project. The County will be unable to award the contract by the award deadline of April 30, 2011. The County is requesting a six month time extension to October 31, 2011.

The Miller Sweeney Bridge seismic improvement project is located within the Oakland Estuary. Construction activities for this project will prevent the operation of the draw span section of the bridge affecting marine traffic. Upon receiving construction approval from the Department, the County immediately notified the United States Coast Guard (Coast Guard) that the project was ready for advertisement. Due to the impact on marine traffic, the Coast Guard conducted additional outreach to waterway users. Once concerns were addressed, the proposed waterway closure schedule was published in the Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners in January 2011. The final confirmation bridge closure schedule was received from the Coast Guard in March 2011. The County will advertise the project in April 2011 and will award by October 30, 2011. Therefore, an additional six months is requested to advertise and award the construction contract.

## **BACKGROUND:**

In May 2008, the Commission adopted the LBSRA Guidelines (Resolution LBS1B-G-0708-001), 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 LBSRA Guidelines stipulate that the Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months.