

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 PROJECT ALLOCATION FOR STIP INTERCITY RAIL AND LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PROJECT, PER STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER-11-34**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Waiver 11-34 as requested by the City of Hercules (City) for the Hercules Intercity Train Station (PPNO 2011F) to extend the period of project allocation for 12 months, per STIP Guidelines.

ISSUE:

The Commission has programmed funds totaling \$9,097,000 in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to the City of Hercules for the Hercules Intercity Train Station project. This STIP funding is comprised of \$8,000,000 in Regional Transportation Improvement Program and \$1,097,000 in Transportation Enhancements (TE) funds. The City originally anticipated the allocation of funds for Construction Support by June 30, 2011. However, due to additional requirements to environmental clearance, right-of-way acquisition and final design, the City will not be ready to request that allocation by the June 30, 2011 deadline. The environmental and design work now is scheduled for completion before June 30, 2012. The City anticipates requesting allocation of construction support funds prior to this date. Therefore, the City respectfully requests a 12-month extension for the period of project allocation and the planning agency concurs.

BACKGROUND:

Current STIP guidelines stipulate that funds are programmed for all components of local rail/transit grant projects or for Department construction costs are available for allocation only until the end of the fiscal year identified in the STIP. The Commission may approve waivers to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.