

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 LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PROJECT ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER SLPP GUIDELINES WAIVER-12-17**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department), on behalf of the City of Sutter Creek (City) in Amador County, recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for three months to July 31, 2012, for the local capital outlay SR-104/Prospect Drive Realignment State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) project. The project is to construct left turn lanes and install a traffic signal.

ISSUE:

In October 27, 2011, the Commission allocated \$885,000 for one locally administered SLPP project. In accordance with SLPP Guidelines, the deadline to award contracts for projects allocated in October 2011 is April 30, 2012. However, the City will not be able to meet the deadline to award the contract due to unexpected project circumstances. The project is close to a PG&E high pressure natural gas supply line and as such, PG&E has asked the City to include a Blasting Plan as part of the bid document. The City has agreed and is in the process of developing the plan and obtaining PG&E concurrence. In addition, an adjacent property owner has offered dedication of minor right of way to accommodate larger truck turns and better serve the future demands. This 6-month time extension will allow the City to advertise and award the contract upon completion of the blasting plan and resolve final right of way issues.

BACKGROUND:

In April 2010, the Commission adopted the State-Local Partnership Program 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 Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months.