

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: June 27-28, 2012

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Action Item

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Subject: **EXTENSION OF DESIGN-BUILD AUTHORIZATION
WAIVER DB-12-01
REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION FOR A LOCALLY-
ADMINISTERED ON-SYSTEM STIP PROJECT, PER STIP GUIDELINES
WAIVER-12-35**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project allocation for the SR-91 Corridor Improvement Project (PPNO 0077J) in Riverside County to June 30, 2013, and extend the deadline for executing a design-build contract to July 31, 2013.

ISSUE:

The Commission authorized the SR-91 Corridor Improvement Project as a named additional project for design-build procurement by a local transportation entity on the state highway system at its January 2011 meeting under Resolution G-11-02. During the environmental phase it became apparent that due to financial constraints, Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) would need to implement the project in two phases. RCTC initiated a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) amendment, which is anticipated to be approved by federal agencies in June 2012. Upon approval of the RTP amendment, the project will be able to receive its air quality conformity finding, and the final environmental document will be released for the required 30-day public circulation period. Upon completion of the public circulation period the Record of Decision can then be written and signed. The Record of Decision (ROD) has been delayed to November 2012 because additional time was needed to coordinate with local agencies on various Section 4(f) impacts. The consultation has been successfully completed and mitigation measures have been included in the final environmental document.

RCTC expects to request an allocation for the design-build phase of the project at the December 2012 Commission meeting. However, RCTC is requesting a 12-month allocation time extension and a 12-month extension of the design-build contract execution deadline to allow for any unforeseen delays that could occur with this complex project.

BACKGROUND:

Current State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines stipulate that funds programmed are available for allocation only until the end of the fiscal year identified in the STIP. The Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline for allocation one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.

On January 19-20, 2011, the Commission adopted Resolution G-11-02 authorizing the SR-91 Corridor Improvement Project for design-build procurement. Section 2.3 of that resolution requires that authorized projects must have an executed design-build contract within 18 months of the approved resolution.