

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 RAIL PROJECT, PER STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER 12-42**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) requests that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project allocation for the Sacramento Maintenance Facility project (PPNO 2095) in Sacramento County for 20 months, per STIP Guidelines to February 2014.

ISSUE:

The Commission has programmed \$6,600,000 in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for the Sacramento Maintenance Facility (Facility) project. The Facility will provide maintenance for and storage of state-owned Amtrak California locomotives and passenger rail cars, including those being purchased with Proposition 1B bond funds. Equipment operating on both Capitol Corridor and San Joaquin Corridor trains will use the Facility.

Federal and state environmental reviews for the Facility are being conducted as a part of the current programmatic review (Review) of the San Joaquin Corridor by the Department. The development of plans for a blended system of conventional and high-speed rail service requires additional modeling and assessments which are delaying completion of this Review. The Review can resume once negotiations for the Northern California Blended Passenger Rail Memorandum of Understanding are finalized, which is expected within 12 months. Design cannot begin until a final site for the Facility is selected. To determine that the site is clear of all potential hazardous materials or that such materials have been properly remediated is estimated to require another eight. Therefore, the Department requests a 20-month extension for the period of project allocation.

BACKGROUND:

Current STIP guidelines stipulate that funds that 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.