

# 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 COMPLETION FOR PROPOSITION 1A HIGH-SPEED PASSENGER TRAIN BOND AND PROPOSITION 1B STATE-LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM PROJECTS, PER HSPTB AND SLPP GUIDELINES WAIVER 13-49**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve a 20-month time extension for the period of project completion to June 30, 2015, for the Metrolink Positive Train Control (PTC) project in Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, San Bernardino, Riverside and San Diego Counties.

## **ISSUE:**

The following are Commission approved Resolutions allocated under Proposition 1A High-Speed Passenger Train Bond (HSPTB) and Proposition 1B State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) to the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) for the Metrolink PTC project:

- HST1A-A-1011-03 approved January 20, 2011 for \$12,200,000
- HST1A-A-1112-0001 approved August 10, 2011 for \$22,800,000
- SLP1B-A-1011-03 approved January 20, 2011 for \$10,000,000
- SLP1B-A01112-0001 approved August 10, 2011 for \$10,000,000

The SCRRA will not be able to fully expend the allocated funds by the deadline due to industry delays in finalizing the PTC software necessary for commuter and freight railroads that share the rail network. Such delays have had a ripple effect on the overall program and implementation of this new safety train technology including, federal certification, system testing and acceptance and project close-out. Therefore, SCRRA respectfully requests a 20-month time extension for the period of project completion to June 30, 2015.

## **BACKGROUND:**

In July 2009 and February 2010, the Commission adopted the Proposition 1B SLPP and Proposition 1A HSPTB Guidelines (Resolutions SLP1B-G-0809-01 and HST1A-G-0910-01), which require the implementing agency to request a time extension if the project will not meet project completion

within 36 months. The SLPP and HSPTB Guidelines stipulate that the Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline on time only for up to 20 months.