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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 STIP TE PROJECTS, PER RESOLUTION G-06-08 WAIVER-14-08

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the request by the city of Placerville (City) to extend the period of contract award for the Class 1 Bike Path Trail Clay Street to Bedford Avenue project (PPNO 1215) (Segment 1) State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Transportation Enhancement (TE) for 10 months from April 30, 2014 to February 28, 2015, per STIP Guidelines.

ISSUE:

On October 8, 2013, the Commission approved Resolution FP-13-20 allocating \$95,000 for construction of the Class 1 Bike Path Trail Clay Street to Bedford Avenue STIP TE project. The City is requesting an extension to the contract award for this project due to an extraordinary circumstance whereby the City is estimated to save \$50,000 when combining the bid and award with another project. The City requests a 10-month time extension from April 30, 2014 to February 28, 2015.

BACKGROUND:

The City is pursuing to award Segment 1 and Class 1 Bike Path Trail Forni Road/Main Street to Ray Lawyer Drive (PPNO 3575) (Segment 2) together as a single construction contract. Segment 1 and Segment 2 are both close in proximity. The City estimates that \$50,000 could be saved by combining these two projects into one bid and award package. The estimated cost savings would come from a reduction in equipment mobilization and reduced contract administrative cost.

The existing El Dorado trail extends eastward from Clay Street to the community of Camino which is located in El Dorado County approximately five miles east of Clay Street within the City of Placerville. Segment 1 will serve as an extension of El Dorado Trail and provide a connection to the overcrossing of U.S. Route 50 at Bedford Avenue. Segment 2 will connect the existing paved trail terminus at Clay Street to the new Bike/Pedestrian overcrossing of Bedford Avenue. Design for both projects has been completed.

Construction funds for Segment 1 were allocated on October 8, 2013, and the original deadline for construction award was April 30, 2014. The allocation of construction funds for Segment 2 is scheduled for June 2014, and if approved, it would establish a contract award date of December 2014. The City is requesting an additional two months to allow for any unforeseen issues. Therefore, the City is requesting a 10-month extension to February 2015 to award both of these projects as one construction contract.

In June 2006, the Commission adopted Resolution G-06-08, which requires the agency implementing a project to request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of the allocation. STIP Guidelines stipulate that the Commission may approve a waiver to the contract award deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.