

# Memorandum

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CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION FOR STIP  
TRANSIT PROJECTS, PER STIP GUIDELINES  
WAIVER 14-11**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) has requested an 18-month extension for the period of project completion to October 31, 2015. The California Department of Transportation (Department) does not recommend that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the 18-month extension for the period of project completion.

## **ISSUE:**

In November 2010, the Commission allocated \$1,500,000 to SCRRA for the Metrolink Systemwide Infrastructure Replacement and Upgrade project. The SCRRA awarded a contract for \$321,535. Additional time is needed to award a contract for the remaining \$1,178,465 and complete the project.

Statutes allow extending the period of project completion deadline to complete work under contract. However, the SCRRA did not award a contract for the full allocated amount within the six month period following allocation, in accordance with current Commission policy.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 14529.8, the more appropriate time extension request for contract award would have made the remaining \$1,178,465 available until January 2013. However, no such request was received from SCRRA, it is over one year past that deadline, and the Department is bound by State Statute in recommending that the Commission not approve this request.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Current State Transportation Improvement Program guidelines stipulate that a local agency has up to 36 months from the award of the contract in which to complete the project. The Commission may approve waivers to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Government Code Section 14529.8.