

# 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 RIGHT OF WAY EXPENDITURE FOR LOCAL BRIDGE SEISMIC RETROFIT ACCOUNT, PER LBSRA GUIDELINES WAIVER 14-31**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the request by the City of Santa Cruz (City) to extend the period of Right of Way (R/W) expenditure for Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit Account (LBSRA) for the Murray Avenue Bridge project for 20 months, from June 30, 2014 to February 29, 2016, per LBSRA Guidelines.

## **ISSUE:**

This project was sub-allocated for \$257,846 in August 2011. The City will be unable to expend the funds by the deadline of June 30, 2014, due to the extensive coordination with local agencies, boat dock tenants and businesses located beneath the bridge.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Murray Avenue Bridge project crosses over the Santa Cruz Port District which encompasses several businesses and private tenants. Bridge construction will require extensive R/W coordination with both tenants and businesses located under the bridge. Several permits are required for this project and the timing of approval will have an impact with the R/W schedule. The City is working diligently to minimize impact to the port while clearing the R/W needed for the project to proceed.

The first project coordination meeting with boat dock tenants and businesses occurred in October 2011, with additional meetings from November 2011 through October 2013. These discussions focused on construction impediments beneath the bridge. From March 2013 through September 2013, extensive analysis was conducted on options for tenant and business accommodations during the construction phase. In October 2013, the City decided to relocate boat dock tenants and businesses temporarily into visitor berths and surrounding areas located within the port harbor.

Inspection and appraisal of existing tenant and business relocation needs took place from January 2014 through May 2014. The City will begin relocation offers in June 2014. Once the relocation offers are complete, the City will proceed with the R/W process. The City will not have an estimated date to complete the R/W phase, due to the complexity of the extensive R/W negotiations with external agencies and various permits that the City will need to obtain. To account for any unforeseen time needed relating to permit approvals or relocation issues, the City is requesting the maximum 20-month extension to February 29, 2016.

Current LBSRA Guidelines stipulate that funds allocated for local project development or R/W costs must be expended by the end of the second fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the funds were allocated. The Commission may approve a waiver 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.