

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: October 19-20, 2016

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Action Item

From: NORMA ORTEGA
Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: POST FACT REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES FOR LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS, PER STIP GUIDELINES , WAIVER 16-43

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) consider this post fact extension request for the period of project development expenditure for the Arbuckle Rail Depot Restoration project (PPNO 3123C) in Colusa County, for the time period identified on the attached document.

ISSUE:

The Commission allocated \$107,000 for the Engineering Studies & Permits phase of the locally-administered State Transportation Improvement (STIP) project identified on the attachment. The responsible agency has been unable to complete the environmental phase within the expenditure period. The attachment describes the details of the project and the explanation for delay. The agency requests an extensions, and the planning agency concurs.

BACKGROUND:

Current STIP Guidelines, Resolution G-13-07, stipulate that funds allocated for local project development or right of way 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.

Attachment

POST FACT Time Extension/Waiver – Project Development Expenditure Deadline
 Local Streets and Roads Projects

Project #	Applicant County PPNO Project Description Reason for Project Delay	Phase Allocation Amount Balance Remaining	Allocation Date Allocation Resolution Number Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline CT Recommendation
1	Colusa County Colusa County PPNO: 03-3123C Arbuckle Rail Depot Restoration project	Environmental Studies & Permits Allocated: \$107,000 Balance: \$68,519	06/11/2013 FP-12-64 20 Months 02/28/2017 Support
<p>The County of Colusa (County) is requesting a 20-month Post Fact time extension to the period of the Project Approval & Environmental Documentation (PA&ED) phase of the Arbuckle Rail Depot Restoration project. The County experienced unforeseen delays in expending the PA&ED funding.</p> <p>The County requested the PA&ED allocation in June 2013 and proceeded with the environmental phase of the project; however, the project required coordination with the Northern Central Railroad Company (NCRC). The County was unsuccessful in obtaining timely responses from the NCRC, which delayed the environmental process. Also, the project site is listed as a potentially significant historical property and thus required a Historical Property Survey Report and Supplemental HPSR. Preparing these reports took significantly longer than anticipated due to the many entities involved with determining the historical significance of the site. Additionally, the County performed a Phase 1 and 2 Initial Site Assessment to satisfy the Federal and State environmental requirements, and this process was prolonged due to the extensive coordination efforts with more than 15 local, state and federal agencies. The County anticipates completing the environmental phase by February 2017. Therefore, the County is requesting a 20-month extension from June 30, 2015 to February 28, 2017.</p>			