

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Ref: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD PER RESOLUTION G-01-21, FOR LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS PROJECTS WAIVER-03-21**

ISSUE:

The California Transportation Commission (Commission) allocated construction funds totaling \$39,000 for the two projects shown on the attached list. The implementing agencies have been unable to award the contracts and do not anticipate awarding the contracts by their respective deadlines. The attachment shows the details of each project and the delays that have resulted in the extension requests. The project sponsors request extensions, and the planning agencies concur.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation's recommendation for each project is shown on the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

Resolution G-01-21, STIP Guidelines, adopted by the Commission on July 12, 2001, stipulates that funds allocated for the construction phase of local grant projects are available for contract award for a period of 12 months from the date of allocation. The guidelines further stipulate that the Commission may approve waivers to the contract award deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.

Attachment

Time Extension/Waiver – Contract Award
Local Streets and Roads Projects
Program Year 2002/2003

Project #	Applicant County	Extension Amount			Number of Months Requested
		By Component (\$ in thousands)			
PPNO	Project Description	E&P	PS&E	Total	Extended Deadline
		R/W	CON		CT Recommendation
Reason for Project Delay:					
1	City of Cupertino Santa Clara		\$0		3 months
			\$0		11/20/2003
	PPNO: 2168		\$0		
	Adaptive Signals Control System		\$35		Support – meets STIP guidelines
			\$35		
<p>Proceeding to construction on this project has been delayed by the need to rebuild a significant portion of the City's traffic signal communication system destroyed by lightning strikes on February 24, 2003. Data transceivers, transmission cable and other equipment in controller cabinets and the traffic operations center were burned and have had to be repaired or replaced. Repair of the system has taken more than three months. Due to this delay, the City is requesting a 3-month extension of the contract award deadline.</p>					
2	City of Fresno Fresno		\$0		12 months
			\$0		08/22/2004
	PPNO: 6L02		\$0		
	Railroad Preemption, R and Tulare Steet		\$4		Support – meets STIP guidelines
			\$4		
<p>The primary objective of this project is to provide Railroad preemption at the street intersection during train crossings. As part of this work, the Agency must install a conduit and wires to the existing Railroad control cabinet to interface with the Agency's traffic signal controller. The Railroad will also be installing additional equipment to add more train crossing warning time. First, however, an interface agreement between the Agency and the Railroad must be executed. Railroad and Agency staff have been working diligently to get the agreement drafted and approved, however this process has been lengthy and time consuming. Due to this delay, the City is requesting a 12-month extension of the contract award deadline.</p>					