

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: May 28-29, 2008

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES FOR LOCALLY- ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS, PER STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER-08-19**

**CTC ACTION UPDATE: The California Transportation Commission approved the time extension request for Project #1 (Clovis, PPNO 06-B002B) for 12 months only. Project #2 (El Dorado, PPNO 03-3120B) and Project #3 (San Francisco, PPNO 04-2007Y) were approved as requested.**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Waiver-08-19, extending the period of project development expenditure for the projects listed on the attached document, for the time periods shown.

## **ISSUE:**

The attached list identifies three projects totaling \$517,000. The Commission allocated the funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-06 for project development phases, as shown on the attachment. The local agencies will not be able to expend the funds by the June 30, 2008 deadline. The attachment shows the details of the projects and the explanation for the delays. The project sponsors are requesting extensions, and the planning agencies concur.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Current State Transportation Improvement Program Guidelines stipulate that 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

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

<b>Project #</b>	<b>Applicant County PPNO Project Description Reason for Project Delay</b>	<b>Extension Amount By Component (\$ in thousands) E&amp;P (Environmental and Permits) PS&amp;E (Plans, Specifications and Estimates) R/W (Right of Way) TOTAL</b>	<b>Allocation Date Allocation Resolution Number Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline CT Recommendation</b>
1	City of Clovis Fresno PPNO: 06-B002B Enterprise Canal Trail	\$0 \$0 \$212 <b>\$212</b>	04/27/06 FP-05-73 <del>20 months</del> <b>Approved for 12 months only.</b> <del>02/28/2010</del> <b>06/30/2009</b> Support
<p>The City of Clovis (City) is requesting a 20-month extension to the period of project development expenditure for the right of way phase of the Enterprise Canal Trail TE Project. The Commission allocated the funds in August 2006, and the deadline for expenditure is June 30, 2008. The City proposes to construct a Class I Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail east of Temperance Avenue and south of Nees Avenue along the Enterprise Canal, which is owned, operated, and maintained by the Fresno Irrigation District (FID). Recent tragedies of the drowning of small children in the Canal have reinforced the FID Board's rejection to build the proposed trail adjacent to the Canal. The FID Board has taken action and directed its staff to implement a policy which requires additional geometry, in the form of land separation, between trail systems and open canals. Relocation of the planned trail away from the Canal right of way would require the City to acquire additional private land through the condemnation process.</p> <p>The City needs 12 months to develop a policy with FID to address the construction of trails along major canals by May 2009, one month to revise the trail limits and acquisition document, two months to reappraise the properties, and seven months for the second appraisal, negotiation and signing of the purchase contract and completing the escrow process. The City requests a 20-month extension for the expenditure of the right of way funds, to ensure that it has enough time to acquire private land, adjust the Trail Master Plan and correct the safety issue raised by the FID.</p>			
2	El Dorado Local Transportation Commission El Dorado County PPNO: 03-3120B U.S. 50/ El Dorado Hills Bike & Pedestrian Overcrossing	\$200 \$0 \$0 <b>\$200</b>	06/08/06 FP-05-87 12 months 06/30/2009 Support
<p>The El Dorado County Local Transportation Commission is requesting a 12-month extension to the period of project development for the environmental phase (E&amp;P) of the United States Route 50 (U.S.50)/El Dorado Hills Bike and Pedestrian Overcrossing TE Project. The Bicycle/Pedestrian Over Crossing (B/POC) will ultimately become part of the overall US50/EL Dorado Hills Boulevard interchange, which is being reconstructed in phases to accommodate increased traffic. The completion of engineering and environmental studies for the B/POC has been delayed because the interchange geometrics were changed. The original interchange geometrics were approved by the Department in 2004 and construction of the first phase began in 2005. However, traffic studies received in March 2007 indicated a need to alter the approved interchange ramp geometrics to prevent Level-of-Service F traffic conditions (congested traffic condition) within the interchange for the second phase of construction. This affected the available sites for the B/POC, making it difficult to identify proposed B/POC alignments with any certainty, and thus their environmental impacts. Subsequently, the environmental work on the B/POC was delayed pending revised interchange geometrics. Conceptual approval for the revised geometrics that affect the B/POC was given in February 2008, eliminating questions on the B/POC site constrain and allowing studies on the B/POC to continue.</p> <p>The El Dorado Local Transportation Commission anticipates completing Preliminary Engineering in four months, the project report in one month and the environmental documents in seven months, and therefore, requests a 12-month extension, to June 30, 2009, to the project development expenditure deadline.</p>			

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3	San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency San Francisco PPNO: 04-2007Y Pedestrian Safety and Access Education Program	\$0 \$105 \$0 <b>\$105</b>	12/13/05 FP-05-48 6 months 12/31/2008 Support
<p>The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) is requesting a 6-month extension to the period of project development expenditure for the design (PS&amp;E) phase of the Pedestrian and Access Education Program TE Project in the city of San Francisco. The Commission allocated the funds in June 2006, and the deadline for expenditure is June 30, 2008. The SFMTA was unable to begin spending grant funds until it had a fully executed Program Supplemental Agreement (PSA). This PSA was delayed eight months due to the merger of the Parking and Traffic Division under the Municipal Transportation Agency. Unfortunately, the merger triggered the need for both a new Disadvantage Business Enterprise plan and Master Agreement with the Department. Subsequently, SFMTA was unable to spend grant funds without a Master Agreement.</p> <p>The SFMTA needs two months to complete outreach plan and develop media messages, one month to complete a request of qualifications, two months to award a contract, and one month to finalize design. The SFMTA request's a 6-month extension, to December 31, 2008, to the project development expenditure deadline.</p>			