

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION, PER STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER-08-27**

**CTC ACTION UPDATE: The California Transportation Commission approved this time extension request for three months only, to November 30, 2008.**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Waiver-08-27, extending the period of project completion by four months, to December 31, 2008, for one State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) rail project to construct the Oxnard Station Parking Improvements (PPNO 9877, EA R545TB) at 255 E. Fifth Street in Oxnard.

## **ISSUE:**

In July 2005, the Commission approved Resolution MFP-05-02, allocating \$1,081,000 for construction of Oxnard Station Parking Improvements project. This contract was executed in September 2005. In accordance with current STIP Guidelines, the deadline to complete the work is 36 months from contract execution, which is September 2008. The City of Oxnard (City) will not be able to meet the deadline for this project and is requesting a time extension for the period from September 2008 to December 2008.

The principal reason that a time extension is necessary is that an additional year of work was performed on the final plans, specifications, and estimate package. The plans had to be revised several times. One revision was due to an error in the original design caused by the engineering consultant who showed construction on property not owned by the City. Once the plans were final, the City applied for its federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding for the construction phase.

A request for the federal funding was submitted in February 2008. The Department informed the City it would not receive federal funding due to a change in the law, but the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) subsequently reversed its ruling and the City received authorization for its construction funds on April 8, 2008. The City is prohibited by FHWA rules from advertising for construction of a project until the City receives its authorization from FHWA.

The City has advertised for construction of the project, and bids will be opened on June 11, 2008. The City anticipates awarding the contract in July 2008, with the contractor starting by end of July or beginning of August 2008. The construction schedule is 90 calendar days. The City expects project construction to be complete by the end of December 2008.

**BACKGROUND:**

Current STIP Guidelines require construction contracts to be completed no later than 36 months from the time of award. The Commission may grant a deadline extension upon the request of the implementing agency.