

# 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 CONTRACT AWARD FOR STATE-LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM PROJECT, PER SLPP GUIDELINES WAIVER 12-63**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the request by the ~~City of Mission Viejo (City)~~ **Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)** to extend the period of contract award for the Proposition 1B State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) for the La Paz Bridge Road and Bridge Widening project for 12 months from November 30, 2012 to November 30, 2013, per SLPP Guidelines.

## **ISSUE:**

On May 23, 2012, the Commission allocated \$1,275,000 to the ~~City~~ **OCTA** for the construction of the La Paz Road and Bridge Widening project. The ~~City~~ **OCTA** will be unable to award the contract by the award deadline of November 30, 2012. The ~~City~~ **OCTA** is requesting a 12-month time extension to November 30, 2013.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The La Paz Road and Bridge Widening project includes widening La Paz Road from four to six lanes, widening the bridge over the railroad tracks to six lanes, and allow for pedestrian sidewalks and bike lanes in each direction.

The extension request is due to issues with Right of Way. The Right of Way certification was completed in accordance with the Department requirements, but in the process of complying with federal Right of Way requirements, there was a question as to whether or not a property owner should be compensated for easement rights dedicated to the City **of Mission Viejo**. The Right of Way issue is expected to be resolved by March 2013. The City Council is expected to approve the Right of Way compensation by May 2013 and the Right of Way certification is expected to be completed by July 2013. The project is expected to advertise from August 2013 to October 2013, which will delay the contract award date to November 2013.

In April 2010, the Commission adopted the SLPP Guidelines (Resolution SLP1B-G-0910-002), which require the agency implementing a project to request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of the allocation. The SLPP Guidelines stipulate that the Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months.