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To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: December 11-12, 2013

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS, PER RESOLUTION G-06-08**
WAIVER 13-52

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for the time periods identified for each project on the attached document.

ISSUE:

The Commission allocated $16,533,000 for the construction of ten locally-administered State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects identified on the attachment. The responsible agencies have been unable to award the contracts within six months of allocation. The attachment describes the details of the projects and the explanations for the delays. The respective agencies request extensions, and the planning agencies concur.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2006, the Commission adopted Resolution G-06-08, which requires the agency implementing a project to request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of the allocation. STIP Guidelines stipulate that the Commission may approve a waiver 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 – Project Contract Award Deadline
Local Streets and Roads Projects

Project #	Applicant County PPNO Project Description Reason for Project Delay	Extension Amount *Construction Only*	Allocation Date Resolution Number Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline CT Recommendation
1	City of Marina Monterey County PPNO 05-2297 Imjin Parkway Class II Bike Lane City, TE Project	$2,000,000	6/11/2013 FP-12-64 6 months 6/30/2014 Support
	The City of Marina (City) is requesting a six-month extension to the period of contract award for the Imjin Parkway Class II Bike Lane Transportation Enhancement project. The City has experienced difficulty in seed collection needed to create an on-site conservation area. The project includes extensive grading and paving work and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service issued the Biological Opinion (BO) with avoidance and minimization measures to protect the threatened Monterey spineflower. In order to comply with the BO, the City's biologist needed to collect Monterey spineflower seeds prior to construction and during June through August, thereby delaying the project by six months. The grading and paving work would also be performed during favorable weather conditions thus minimizing impacts to the project site. Therefore, the City is requesting a six-month extension to June 30, 2014.		
2	City of Lancaster Los Angeles County PPNO 07-4318 Downtown Lancaster Gateway and Roundabout, TE Project	$728,000	3/5/2013 FP-12-40 3 months 12/31/2013 Support, post fact
	The City of Lancaster (City) is requesting a three-month post fact extension to the period of contract award for the Downtown Lancaster Gateway and Roundabout Transportation Enhancement project. The City has experienced delays in awarding the contract due to a bid protest. The City advertised the project and received two bids. The contract was scheduled to be awarded to the lowest bidder by the September 30, 2013 deadline. However, a formal bid protest was submitted in early September 2013 and upon legal review, the lowest bidder was deemed non-responsive. The second bidder was found to be substantially higher than the project estimate. The City re-advertised the project in mid-September and awarded the contract on November 12, 2013. Therefore the City is requesting a three-month post-fact time extension to December 31, 2013.		
3	City of Ventura Ventura County PPNO 07-3565M California Street Enhancement, TE Project	$920,000	6/11/2013 FP-12-66 6 months 6/30/2014 Support
	The City of Ventura (City) is requesting a six-month extension to the period of contract award for the California Street Enhancement Transportation Enhancement project. The City has experienced delays in awarding the project due to no responses from any bidders. The City advertised the project in August 2013 and anticipated opening bids on October 3, 2013. However, the City received no bids. The City has met with potential contractors and the design consultant team to determine changes to the plan to successfully rebid the project. The project's plans, specifications and estimate are being revised. The City anticipates having the project ready to re-advertise by mid-March 2014 and awarding in April 2014. To allow for any unforeseen issues, the City is requesting a six-month extension to June 30, 2014.		

CEQA- California Environmental Quality Act
NEPA-National Environmental Policy Act
STIP-State Transportation Improvement Program

FHWA-Federal Highway Administration
TE-Transportation Enhancements
The Department-California Department of Transportation

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4	City of Camarillo Ventura County PPNO 07-3565N Landscaping Enhancement, TE Project	$1,150,000	6/11/2013 FP-12-66 6 months 6/30/2014 Support

The City of Camarillo (City) is requesting a six-month extension to the period of contract award for the Landscaping Enhancement Transportation Enhancement project. The City has experienced delays in awarding the project due to low bidder turnout.

The City advertised the project on October 2, 2013, and was scheduled to award the project in November 2013. After the pre-bid meeting was attended by six general contractors and four sub-contractors, the City anticipated a satisfactory bid turnout. The City received one bid and the City Attorney found the bid to be non-responsive. The City contacted prospective bidders regarding the project and most stated their lack of bidding was primarily due to timing issues. The City has simplified the required bid documents and plans to discuss them at the next pre-bid meeting. The City anticipates the project re-advertisement and awarding to take three months. To allow for any unforeseen bidding issues, the City is requesting an additional three months. Therefore, the City is requesting an extension to June 30, 2014.

5	City of Santa Monica Los Angeles County PPNO 07-4544 Santa Monica Bike Share Program, TE Project	$1,543,000	6/11/2013 FP-12-64 18 months 6/30/2015 Support

The City of Santa Monica (City) is requesting an 18-month extension to the period of contract award for the Santa Monica Bike Share Program Transportation Enhancement project. The City experienced delays to advancing the project due to the recent expansion efforts for a regionally coordinated bike share program.

The project is located in the City of Santa Monica. The City was contacted by the Westside Cities Council of Governments (Westside COG) regarding expanding the bike share program into a regionally coordinated procurement project. The Westside COG covers a sub-region that includes the City of Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, Culver City, West Hollywood and the western area of Los Angeles. The extension is requested to help facilitate multi-agency coordination efforts and governing body approvals on the new regional bike share program. Multi-agency coordination was not anticipated at the time of allocation. Once the regional direction is finalized, the City would move forward with a procurement process and award the project by mid 2015. Therefore, the City is requesting an 18-month extension to June 30, 2015.

6	City of Rialto San Bernardino County PPNO 08-1111L Pacific Electric Inland Empire Trail, TE Project	$2,000,000	6/11/2013 FP-12-64 3 months 3/31/2014 Support

The City of Rialto (City) is requesting a three-month extension to the period of contract award for the Pacific Electric Inland Empire Trail Transportation Enhancement project. The City experienced delays in advancing the project to advertisement and award due to insufficient Federal Transportation Enhancement (TE) apportionments.

The City received the allocation notice from the Department on September 10, 2013 with a notification regarding insufficient TE apportionments. The City consulted with the Department and was advised to pursue federal obligation of construction funds through Advance Construction (AC) funding. The City requested and received the Authorization to Proceed with Construction from the Department on the basis of AC funding. The City postponed advertising the project given the uncertainty of reimbursement of AC funding until consulting further with the Department. The City prepared to advertise the project but does not anticipate awarding before the December 31, 2013 deadline. Therefore, the City is requesting a three-month extension to March 31, 2014 to ensure sufficient time is available to address any potential bidding issues.

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7	SANBAG San Bernardino County PPNO 08-1111N San Bernardino Passenger Rail and Transit Center, TE Project	$992,000	6/11/2013 FP-12-64 8 months 8/31/2014 Support
	The San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) is requesting an eight-month extension to the period of contract award for the San Bernardino Passenger Rail and Transit Center Transportation Enhancement project. SANBAG experienced delays in advertising and awarding the project due to the Amalgamated Transit Union protests. SANBAG deferred advertising the project due to the uncertainty with the duration and outcome of the Amalgamated Transit Union protest and the federal government shutdown in October 2013. SANBAG is currently advertising the project, anticipates bid opening in January 2014 and awarding in February 2014. To allow for any unforeseen bidding issues, SANBAG is requesting an additional six months. Therefore, SANBAG is requesting an eight-month extension to August 31, 2014.		
8	Town of Mammoth Lakes Mono County PPNO 09-2546 Canyon Boulevard Street Improvements Project	$3,650,000	6/11/2013 FP-12-64 6 months 6/30/2014 Neutral
	The Town of Mammoth Lakes (Town) is requesting a six-month extension to the period of contract award for the Canyon Boulevard Street Improvements project. The Town anticipates low bidder turnout due to immediate project shutdown once the project is awarded. The project will be immediately shut down due to the consistent inclement winter weather conditions typical of the Eastern High Sierra. The weather conditions vary from year to year, but normally road construction cannot begin before May. The six-month delay between bidding and start of construction would cause the contractor to have a reduced bonding capacity and be exposed to material price fluctuations. This could potentially result in fewer and higher bidders. Delaying the bid advertisement to March 2014, and award to May 2014 will reduce the risk of bids higher than the engineer's estimate. Therefore, the Town is requesting a six-month time extension to June 30, 2014.		
9	City of Manteca San Joaquin County PPNO 10-0018C Louise Avenue Enhancements, TE Project	$940,000	6/11/2013 FP-12-66 3 months 3/31/2014 Support
	The City of Manteca (City) is requesting a two-month extension to the period of contract award for the Louise Avenue Enhancements Transportation Enhancement project. The City experienced delays in advancing the project to the advertising and award phase due to incomplete Right of Way Certification. The City experienced a six-week delay in submitting the Request for Authorization to Proceed with Construction to the Department, due to an incomplete Right of Way (R/W) Certification. Since then, the City resubmitted a complete R/W certification package after the City Council passed the City Council Resolution in August 2013. The project moved forward and the City currently advertising the project and anticipates awarding the project in February 2014. In order to allow for any unforeseen circumstances, the City is requesting an additional month. Therefore, the City is requesting a three-month extension to March 31, 2014.		

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10	City of Stockton San Joaquin County PPNO 10-0018E Weber Avenue Beautification Phase II, TE Project	$2,610,000	6/11/2013 FP-12-66 2 months 2/28/2014 Support

The City of Stockton (City) is requesting a two-month extension to the period of contract award for the Weber Avenue Beautification Phase II Transportation Enhancement project. The City experienced delays in advertising the project due to issues with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and project cost reduction measures.

After approval of the Authorization to Proceed with Construction, the City pursued *Value Engineering* to address two issues; the CPUC requested additional improvements at the at-grade railroad crossing beyond what was originally scoped and possible reduction of proposed asphalt project-wide to help reduce cost. The City revised the project plans to eliminate the need to include the CPUC's request and to reduce the quantity of asphalt at areas identified project-wide. The City advertised the project on October 10, 2013 and anticipates awarding by December 3, 2013. To allow for any unforeseen bidding issues, the City is requesting a two-month extension to February 28, 2014.

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November 20, 2013

Mr. James C. Ghielmetti
Chair, California Transportation Commission
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Dear Chair Ghielmetti:

I am writing to you to express my support for the City of Santa Monica's request for an 18-month contract award extension for its bikeshare program. Granting this request will allow the City of Santa Monica to participate in a regionally coordinated bikeshare program, with seamless implementation by a single vendor.

Multi-agency coordination was not anticipated at the time of the CTC allocation vote in June 2013, however it would have many benefits, making both the City of Santa Monica and the regional bikeshare system more effective. Santa Monica is a single city of 8.3 square miles, however it will be connected to cities throughout the region via the Metro Rail system, with three Expo Light Rail Line stations within the city boundaries. Bikeshare customers will be able to pick up and drop off bicycles at participating locations throughout the county using the same fare media. Usage data can be easily shared by participating agencies and used to improve the system over time.

Metro concurred with the City of Santa Monica's time extension request on October 21, 2013 and forwarded it to the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 7 office for consideration by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). We ask that you approve the request at the December 11-12, 2013 CTC Meeting. Should you have any questions about the extension request or the proposed regional bikeshare program, please contact David Yale at (213) 922-2469.

Sincerely,

Diane DuBois

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cc: CTC Commissioners
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Enclosure: City of Santa Monica Bikeshare Program Contract Award Extension Request

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RE: City of Santa Monica Bikeshare Program Grant Extension Request

Honorable California Transportation Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the City of Santa Monica's request for a Bikeshare Program grant allocation extension to increase the opportunity for regional coordination and collaboration for the development of a regional bikeshare system. The extension request for Project RPSTLE 5017 (038) is slated to be heard by the California Transportation Commission at your December 11-12, 2013 meeting.

Ensuring that Santa Monica's bikeshare system is coordinated with the regional systems is a high priority. Recently, efforts to provide one regional system have intensified. Los Angeles County Metro is initiating a new effort to bring the jurisdictions together through issuance of a joint RFP. On October 24, 2013 the full Metro Board supported Santa Monica's grant extension application. By CTC's granting the extension request, Santa Monica will be able to serve not only local needs but also take advantage of an invaluable opportunity to be a leader and participate in a larger, regional network that could potentially include coordinated technology and a cooperative payment system. This is particularly important as a way to serve the first-and-last-mile of a regional transit system. It has also been shown that regional systems work: Boston area Hubway, Bay Area Bikeshare, Washington DC/Arlington are good examples. Addittionaly, my office has begun coordinatting meetings with all the interested parites to encourage cooperation and to aid in regional planning.

The City is concurrently working with Metro in an effort to develop a coordinated system throughout the region while facing an extremely tight timeline to use FY 2012-13 grant funds that were allocated by the CTC in June 2013. If the extension is not granted, the City stands to lose its funding for the project.

If you join me in supporting this request, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Westside Cities Council of Governments, and the City of Santa Monica stand ready to cooperate and collaborate in the effort to develop a system with a bright start and a long-term impact.

Sincerely,

RICHARD BLOOM
Assemblymember, 50th District

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