

# 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 PROJECT COMPLETION FOR PROPOSITION 116 RAIL PROGRAM PROJECTS WAIVER 14-13**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve a 14-month time extension for the period of project completion to, July 31, 2015, for the Sand Canyon Avenue Grade Separation project, in Orange County.

## **ISSUE:**

In May 2010, the Commission approved Resolution BFP-09-06 allocating \$22,004,000 in Proposition 116 funds to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) for the Sand Canyon Avenue Grade Separation project. The OCTA will not be able to fully expend the allocated funds by the deadline due to a number of issues. First, delays and continued modifications of utility relocation made by the Southern California Edison and Southern California Gas companies have interfered with the project's schedule. Secondly, investigation, handling and removal of contaminated and hazardous material not previously identified further delayed progress. Next, revision in building permit requirements and utility service connections made by the City of Irvine resulted in further delays. The OCTA has reported that these delays have been resolved through negotiations, coordination and partnering with the contractor and other involved parties. Lastly, the complexity of this project requires additional time to complete the scope of work and expend the total allocated amount.

Therefore, OCTA requests a 14-month time extension for the period of project completion to July 31, 2015.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Current Proposition 116 Rail Guidelines stipulate that a local agency has up to 36 months from the award of the contract in which to complete the project. The Commission may approve waivers to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Government Code Section 14529.8.