

Memorandum

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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 DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES FOR LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED ON-SYSTEM STIP PROJECTS, PER STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER-14-33**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project development expenditures for the Atwater-Merced Expressway Phase 1A project (PPNO 5264A) in Merced County for six months.

ISSUE:

At its June 2012 meeting, the Commission approved Resolution FP-11-82 allocating \$11,822,000 Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds to the Right of Way phase for the Atwater-Merced Expressway Phase 1 project (PPNO 5264A). The Commission allocated Proposition 1B SR99 Corridor bond funds for construction capital and construction support at the March 2013 meeting. The project is under construction.

The project delivery plan called for relocating the Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) gas line located within the project limits during the construction phase. However, the PG&E could not commence their work until April 2014. It is now expected that the PG&E gas line will be relocated by December 2014.

Therefore, the Merced County Association of Governments is requesting an extension for the right of way expenditures to December 31, 2014.

BACKGROUND:

Current STIP Guidelines, Resolution G-13-07, stipulate that funds allocated for local project development or right of way costs are available for expenditure only until the end of the second fiscal year following allocation. The Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline for expenditures one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.