

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 COMPLETION FOR PROJECTS ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER 15-03**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project completion by 18 months, to July 31, 2016, for the locally administered State Route 1 Auxiliary Lanes – Soquel to Morrissey project (PPNO 6500) in Santa Cruz County.

ISSUE:

In January 2012, the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) awarded the contract for the State Route 1 Auxiliary Lanes – Soquel to Morrissey project. At the time of award, it was expected that the project would be completed by January 2015. While key contract items have been completed and the auxiliary lanes have been open to traffic since November 2013, it is anticipated that final contract acceptance and liquidation of funds will be delayed in order to address the contractor's claim of differing site conditions on the project. SCCRTC is requesting an 18-month extension to the period of project completion to extend the deadline to July 31, 2016. The length of the extension request is based on a worst case scenario, in the event that ongoing negotiation of claims is unsuccessful and legal action is required.

BACKGROUND:

Current State Transportation Improvement Program 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.