

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 STATE
ADMINISTERED STIP RAIL PROJECT, PER STIP GUIDELINES
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RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve a four-month extension for project completion, to June 30, 2015, for the Stockton to Escalon Double Track - Phase I project (PPNO 2030), in San Joaquin County.

ISSUE:

On June 23, 2011, the Commission approved Resolution MFP-10-24 allocating \$8,400,000 to the Department for construction of the Stockton to Escalon Double Track - Phase I project (PPNO 2030) on BNSF Railway Company's (BNSF) mainline Stockton Subdivision. The project is one of four phases, all of which are included in the Project Study Report and Environmental Review (Resolution E-11-53). This phase, in addition to the double tracking of this segment, includes the purchase and grading of fill dirt to immediately add stability to the existing structure. The fill dirt will also reduce the cost of double track construction of a future project phase.

The Department executed a contract with BNSF to construct the project on March 2012, setting the project completion deadline to February 28, 2015. The double tracking of this segment was recently completed, allowing the purchase and laying of the fill dirt. However, BNSF will not be able to access and lay the dirt until Spring, thus, a four-month extension for project completion will enable the Department and BNSF to complete purchase and distribution of the dirt by June 30, 2015.

BACKGROUND:

Current State Transportation Improvement Program guidelines stipulate that the Department has up to 36 months from the award of the contract in which to complete the project. The Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.