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PROJECT BUSINESS MATTERS
Time Extension – Project Completion
Action Item

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SECTION 59 – TIMELY USE OF FUNDS

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Request for Project Completion Extension for the City of Indio for Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Assessment for an intermodal facility is approved to June 30, 2001.

ISSUE

Resolution G-99-27, *STIP Guidelines*, adopted by the California Transportation Commission (Commission) on September 29, 1999, stipulates that the Commission may extend the deadline for allocation of funds no more than one time and only if it finds that an unforeseen and extraordinary circumstance beyond the control of the responsible agency has occurred that justifies the extension. The extension will not exceed the period of delay directly attributed to the extraordinary circumstance and will in no event be for more than twenty (20) months.

The City of Indio has requested a 12-month time extension for the period of project completion from June 30, 2000 to June 30, 2001 to allow them to conduct their preliminary engineering and environmental analysis of right of way for an inter-modal facility. The new completion date for the entire project has been changed to May 2004. The time extension is needed because of unexpected delays by Union Pacific in conducting negotiations and allowing access to the property. The City of Indio is currently in negotiation with Union Pacific and feels its needs the additional time to consummate the purchase.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends the Commission approve the time extension for the time period requested by the City of Indio from June 30, 2000 to June 30, 2001.

BACKGROUND

On October 24, 1997, the City of Indio received an allocation of $127,000 in FY 1996-97 Transit Capital Improvement Program funds through a G-95-05 allocation for the preliminary engineering and environmental analysis of the right of way for an inter-modal facility. Union Pacific, which was conducting an internal review of its business operations and was relocating to a new office, was unable to meet with the City of Indio to negotiate the purchase of the right of way. The negotiations, which have been delayed, are now underway but the City of Indio feels it needs the additional time to consummate the purchase.

Concurrent allocation under Item 2.6a(4) of FY 1997-98 TCI funds for construction of the facility is being requested.