

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: March 26, 2015

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Action Item

From: NORMA ORTEGA
Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR PROPOSITION 1B LOCAL BRIDGE SEISMIC RETROFIT ACCOUNT PROJECTS, PER LBSRA GUIDELINES WAIVER 15-10**

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RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for the Proposition 1B Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit Account (LBSRA) projects on the attached document.

ISSUE:

The Department sub-allocated \$1,198,717 for the seismic retrofit of two locally administered Proposition 1B LBSRA projects, which are identified on the attachment. The responsible agencies have been unable to award the contracts within six months of sub-allocation. The attachment describes the details of the projects and the explanations for the delays. The respective agencies are requesting time extensions, and the planning agencies concur.

BACKGROUND:

In May 2008, the Commission adopted the LBSRA Guidelines (Resolution LBS1B-G-0708-001), which requires the implementing agency to request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of the sub-allocation date. The LBSRA Guidelines stipulate that the Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline one-time only for up to 20 months.

Attachment

Time Extension/Waiver – Project Contract Award Deadline
 Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit Program

Project #	Applicant County Project Description Reason for Project Delay	Extension Amount <i>Construction Only</i>	Sub-Allocation Date Federal ID Number Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline CT Recommendation
1	City of Tracy San Joaquin Eleventh Street over Union Pacific Railroad Channel Bridge No: 29C0126	\$1,117,373	09/08/2014 5192(020) 6 Months 06/30/2015 Support
<p>The City of Tracy (City) is requesting a three-month time extension to the period of contract award for the Eleventh Street over Union Pacific Railroad Channel project. The City is experiencing a delay in awarding the construction contract due to project approval delay.</p> <p>The City received project authorization in September 2014. In October 2014, Structures Local Assistance began to review project requirements with FHWA. Since this bridge will be demolished and a new structure built, a detour was planned utilizing a temporary prefabricated steel truss bridge. Project approval was delayed because the temporary bridges on the National Highway System (NHS) did not meet guardrail crash test requirements. Research found that temporary bridges in California and other states have not been held to the NHS guardrail requirements. Final project approval was not obtained until mid-December 2014, which delayed bid advertisement until January 2015. Bid opening and review is scheduled for March through May 2015 with award by June 2015. In order to allow additional time to advertise and award the contract, the City is requesting a three-month extension to June 30, 2015.</p>			
2	Stanislaus County Stanislaus Pete Miller Road over Delta Mendota Canal Bridge No: 38C0202	\$81,344	08/22/2014 5938(156) 3 months 05/31/2015 Support
<p>Stanislaus County (County) is requesting a three-month time extension to the period of contract award for the Pete Miller Road over Delta Mendota Canal project. The County has not awarded a construction contract due to delays obtaining documentation from bidders.</p> <p>The County advertised the project in September 2014 and opened the bids in October 2014. The County identified the three lowest bidders and requested Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) and Good Faith Effort documentation from the bidders. From November 2014 to January 2015 during the review process, the lowest bidder was non-responsive. The County decided to award the contract to the second lowest bidder. The County will not be able to award by February 2015 due to the holidays, mandated County office closures, and cancellation of two consecutive County Board of Supervisors meetings. In order to allow additional time to award the contract, the County is requesting a three-month extension to May 31, 2015.</p>			