

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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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 ALLOCATION FOR  
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS, PER STIP GUIDELINES  
WAIVER 15-16**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project allocation for the projects listed on the attached document for the time periods shown.

**ISSUE:**

The attached document identifies three projects totaling \$3,821,000 that are programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in Fiscal Year 2014-15. The agencies will not be able to request an allocation of funds by the June 30, 2015 deadline. The attachment shows the details of the projects and the explanation for the delays. The project sponsors are requesting extensions, and the regional planning agencies concur.

**BACKGROUND:**

Current STIP Guidelines, Resolution G-13-07, adopted by the Commission stipulate that funds that are programmed for all components of local grant projects or for Department construction costs are available for allocation only until the end of the fiscal year identified in the STIP. 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.

Attachment

Time Extension/Waiver – Project Allocation Deadline  
 Local Streets and Roads Projects

Project #	Applicant County PPNO Project Description Reason for Project Delay	Extension Amount (\$ in thousands) PA&ED (Project Approval & Environment Document) PS&E (Plans, Specifications & Estimates) ROW (Right of Way) CON (Construction) <b>TOTAL</b>	Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline CT Recommendation
1	County of Humboldt County of Humboldt PPNO: 01-2258 Walnut & Fern Traffic Signal Construction project	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$367 <b>\$367</b>	12 Months 06/30/2016 Support
<p>The County of Humboldt (County) is requesting a 12-month time extension to the period of allocation for the construction phase of the Walnut &amp; Fern Traffic Signal Construction project. The County has experienced unanticipated delays during the Right of Way (ROW) phase of the project.</p> <p>The County utilizes a consultant to perform ROW appraisals and associated work. However, the current consultant has recently retired. As a result appraisals from a new non-local real estate consultant take approximately six months to complete. The project requires the acquisition from four commercial enterprises and the County continues in the negotiation with the property owners. The County anticipates completion of the ROW phase by September 2015. Therefore, the County is requesting a 12-month time extension from June 30, 2015 to June 30, 2016.</p>			
2	San Luis Obispo County San Luis Obispo County PPNO: 05-2071 Price Canyon Road Widening project	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$3,364 <b>\$3,364</b>	12 Months 6/30/2016 Support
<p>San Luis Obispo County (County) is requesting a 12-month time extension to the construction (CON) phase of the Price Canyon Road Widening project. The City has experienced unanticipated delays in completing the final Design due to environmental issues.</p> <p>In December of 2014, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) issued a jeopardy finding for the potential taking of the endangered species Pismo Clarkia. USFWS notified the County to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which requires an exploration of additional alternatives. The County partially revised the alignment to further avoid the endangered species and negate the need for the jeopardy finding and any additional potential mitigation. The redesign project will result in a five-month delay. The County completed the mitigated negative declaration (MND) in March 2015, causing a one-month delay. The USFWS environmental review delayed the project another four months. To allow for any other unforeseen delays, the County is requesting an additional two months. Therefore, the County is requesting a 12-month time extension to the CON phase of the project from June 30, 2015 to June 30, 2016.</p>			
3	City of Watsonville Santa Cruz County PPNO: 05-2552 Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network Segment 18 project	\$0 \$90 \$0 \$0 <b>\$90</b>	20 Months 2/28/2017 Support
<p>The City of Watsonville (City) is requesting a 20-month time extension to the Plans, Specifications, &amp; Estimate (PS&amp;E) phase of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network Segment 18 project. The City has experienced unanticipated delays to the project during the Project Approval and Environmental (PA&amp;ED) phase.</p> <p>The City originally anticipated that having the program level Environmental Impact Report (EIR) completed would minimize the level of environmental review required for the PA&amp;ED phase. However, additional coordination with several entities and additional analysis was needed to finalize the PA&amp;ED phase prior to starting the PS&amp;E phase of the project. The program level EIR covers the entire trail but not the specific details of each project. The City anticipates completion of the environmental documents by December 2016. To allow for further unforeseen delays, the County is requesting an additional two months. Therefore, the City is requesting a 20-month time extension to the PS&amp;E phase of the project from June 30, 2015 to February 28, 2017.</p>			