

Memorandum

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CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR STATE
ADMINISTERED PROJECTS ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER STIP
GUIDELINES
WAIVER 15-34**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve time extensions for the period indicated for the two State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects: the Route 15 widening (Phase 2) project (PPNO 0174L) and the Landscape Enhancement project (PPNO 0175N), both located in San Bernardino County

ISSUE:

On December 10, 2014, the Commission allocated a total of \$81,353,000 for two STIP projects. In accordance with Resolution G-13-07, the deadline to award contracts for projects allocated in December 2014 is June 2015.

At the time these projects were allocated, they were combined for construction and were going to be federalized under one project through a Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) amendment. It was anticipated that the project would be advertised in January 2015 and then awarded in May 2015. The project was unable to get Federal approval which has delayed the project being awarded. The delay in receiving Federal approval was due to revocation of a rule related to air quality conformity by Environmental Protection Agency. All Federal Transportation Improvement Program amendments throughout the nation were on hold during that time. This freeze was removed in early April 2015 but the Department will not be able to meet the deadline for these projects and is requesting a six-month time extension for the period of contract award extending the deadline to December 31, 2015.

BACKGROUND:

Current STIP Guidelines, Resolution G-13-07, stipulate that the agency implementing a project request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of the allocation. 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.

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