

State of California
Business, Transportation and Housing Agency
Department of Transportation

PROJECT BUSINESS MATTERS
Extension Request – Contract Award
Resolution: G-01-21

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WAIVER REQUEST – CTC RESOLUTION G-01-21
CTC STIP GUIDELINES
SECTION 65 – TIMELY USE OF FUNDS
LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS PROJECTS
WAIVER-02-07

RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Transportation's recommendations are shown on the attachment.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Resolution G-01-21, *STIP Guidelines*, adopted by the California Transportation Commission (Commission) on July 12, 2001, stipulates that funds allocated for the construction phase of local grant projects are available for contract award for a period of 12 months from the date of allocation. The guidelines further stipulate that the Commission may approve waivers to the contract award deadlines one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.

The Commission has programmed \$1,313,000 in FY 2001-2002 for the two projects on the attached list. The implementing agencies, the Cities of Monterey and Grover Beach, have been unable to award the contracts and do not anticipate awarding the contracts by their respective deadlines. The attachment shows the details of each project and the delays that have resulted in the extension requests. The project sponsors request extensions and the planning agencies concur.

Attachment

Time Extension/Waiver – Contract Award
Item 2.8b. – Local Streets and Roads Projects
Program Year 2001/2002

Project #	Applicant County	Extension Amount			Number of Months Requested
		By Component (\$ in thousands)			
	PPNO	E&P	PS&E		Extended Deadline
	Project Description	R/W	CON		CT Recommendation
Reason for Project Delay:					
1	City of Grover Beach San Luis Obispo				20 months
		\$0			
		\$0			2/05/2004
	PPNO: 2074	\$0			
	Reconstruction and Widening of North Oak Park Blvd.	\$1,270			Support – meets STIP guidelines
		\$1,270			
<p>This project was originally programmed with State funds and CEQA-only requirements. The City completed the CEQA process. The project was then converted to a largely federally funded project requiring the NEPA process, necessitating a number of unbudgeted and unanticipated studies. The presence of Pismo Clarkia can only be determined in its flowering season (March – June 2002), after which the ROW process can begin. NEPA view shed requirements require replacing the original, award-winning retaining wall with multiple walls. Further delay results from NEPA determination that multiple retaining walls need to be designed and constructed, necessitating E&P/PA&ED, PS&E, ROW and construction delay as well as a project budget supplement. Due to these delays, the City requests a 20-month extension to the contract award deadline. The additional funding request has been submitted to the CTC for programming at its April 2002 meeting. The City of Grover Beach anticipates requesting the allocation of the additional funds at the June 2002 meeting.</p>					
2	City of Monterey Monterey				18 months
		\$0			
		\$0			9/12/2003
	PPNO: 0934	\$0			
	Lighthouse Avenue Corridor Improvements	\$43			Support, meets STIP guidelines
		\$43			
<p>The critical path for this project is the approval of the archeological report. After a review by Caltrans, the city was informed that it could take nine months, once the report is finalized, for review by the Federal Highway Administration, the State Historic Preservation Office and Caltrans. Once comments are received, additional revisions may be needed. It is now foreseeable that the approved archeological report may not be complete for another year. In addition, the location of the project is in the Cannery Row district, which is heavily impacted by seasonal traffic and winter weather. Therefore, an additional six months delay can be anticipated in order to time the construction in one of two small construction timing windows – one in the spring and one in the fall.</p> <p>Due to these delays, the city is requesting an 18-month extension to the contract award deadline.</p>					