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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-xx

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 \$876,000 in FY 2001-2002 for the two projects on the attached list. The implementing agencies, the cities of El Paso De Robles and Dunsmuir, 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(2). – Local Streets and Roads Projects
Program Year 2001/2002

Project #	Applicant County	Extension Amount By Component (\$ in thousands)			Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline CT Recommendation
		E&P	PS&E	R/W	
PPNO Project Description		CON	Total		
Reason for Project Delay:					
1	City of El Paso De Robles San Luis Obispo	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$150 \$150			8 months 2/06/2003 Support – meets STIP guidelines
<p>In 1999, the City of Paso Robles received \$100,000 of Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA-21) funding to install improvements to enhance the pedestrian pathway linking the City's multi-modal transportation center to the downtown business district. In December 2000, SLOCOG notified the city that an additional \$150,000 of STIP funds was programmed to implement the project. The funds were programmed in the 2001/02 fiscal year because delivery was anticipated to be relatively unproblematic. This assessment has not changed. The project cleared NEPA review in May 2001, and anticipating a prompt completion of PS&E, the city requested and received an allocation of construction funds on June 6, 2001. However, unforeseen problems with construction of the Niblick Road Bridge, a 1998 STIP project, expanded work elements of two project study reports, both associated the state to state interchanges, and other circulation improvement projects created delays in the development of the PS&E for this project. City engineering staff had to devote all resources toward the remedy of contractor's errors associated with the delivery of the Niblick Bridge.</p> <p>The Niblick Road Bridge is now remedied and complete, and the city plans to proceed with the completion of PS&E for this project. The final design and construction documents are to be completed and ready to advertise in late September 2002. The bid process will take at least two months, and the city hopes to award the contract by December 2002. However, the city is requesting an 8-month extension to February 6, 2003 in case of additional unforeseen difficulties.</p>					
2	City of Dunsmuir Siskiyou	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$726 \$726			6 months 11/24/2002 Support, meets STIP guidelines
<p>The CTC allocated the construction funds on May 24, 2001. The right-of-way acquisition for the Sacramento Avenue Rehabilitation Project in Dunsmuir includes obtaining an easement from Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and acquiring a house that sits on land owned by the City and UPRR.</p> <p>The city currently has an easement for the portions of Sacramento Avenue that cross the UPRR right-of-way. Widening the road requires widening the easement through the UPRR right-of-way. Preliminary plans were prepared and sent to UPRR on May 3, 2001. The city has received verbal comments that UPRR does not see any problems with the project, but has not yet received written approval from UPRR and has not received any estimate as to when written approval can be expected.</p> <p>The house has been appraised and approval has been given to make an offer to buy. The owner must still provide sufficient documentation of ownership.</p> <p>Although both of these issues may be resolved shortly, the schedule that is beyond the City's control. Therefore, the city is requesting a 6-month extension to complete the acquisition of right-of-way.</p>					