

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: February 25-26, 2004

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Action Item

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Ref: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD PER RESOLUTION
G-01-21, FOR LOCAL STIP PROJECTS
WAIVER-03-36**

ISSUE:

The California Transportation Commission (Commission) allocated construction funds totaling \$4,332,000 for the Folsom Boulevard Widening project in Sacramento County, as shown on the attachment. Sacramento County has been unable to award the contract and does not anticipate awarding the contract by the deadline. The attachment shows the details of the project and the delay that has resulted in the extension request. Sacramento County requests an extension, and the planning agency concurs.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends approval of this extension request.

BACKGROUND:

Resolution G-03-19, State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines, adopted by the Commission on December 11, 2003, 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 a waiver to the contract award deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.

Attachment

Time Extension/Waiver – Contract Award
 Local Streets and Roads Projects
 Program Year 2003/2004

Project #	Applicant County	Extension Amount By Component (\$ in thousands)	Number of Months Requested
	PPNO	E&P PS&E	Extended Deadline
	Project Description	R/W CON Total	CT Recommendation
Reason for Project Delay:			
1	County of Sacramento Sacramento	\$0 \$0	5 months 8/03/2004
	PPNO: 0L25 Folsom Boulevard Widening	\$0 \$4,332 \$4,332	Support – meets STIP guidelines
<p>A construction contract cannot be awarded due to the receipt of unacceptable bids and the project must be re-advertised. The contract was to be awarded on March 16, 2004, meeting the award deadline of April 3, 2004. Because the County must re-advertise the project and receive new bids, it will not be possible to meet this deadline.</p> <p>Following the allocation on April 3, 2003, the project experienced unforeseen delays in receiving right-of-way clearance for the project. Right-of-way acquisitions on the project were complete by April 2003; however, Regional Transit's property required a right-of-way easement for the relocation of Sacramento Municipal Utility District's utility poles. This was not expected because it involved the relocation of poles in conflict with the roadway construction. The need to acquire this parcel led to a delay in right-of-way certification. Therefore, the advertisement and award of the contract was delayed. In order to re-advertise and receive new bids, the County is requesting an extension to the award deadline of 5 months. This will be sufficient to complete the contract advertising and award process and will allow time in the event that bids are again found to be unacceptable.</p>			