

Memorandum

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 ON-SYSTEM STIP PROJECTS, PER STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER-12-32**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) requests that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project allocation for the Route 101 Golden Gate Median Moveable Barrier project (2014U) in San Francisco and Marin Counties.

ISSUE:

Due to unforeseen delays in completing the Environmental (PA&ED) phase, the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District will not be able to request the allocation of \$20,000,000 in Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds currently programmed for construction in Fiscal Year 2011-12, by the June 30, 2012 deadline. Therefore, the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District is requesting an 18-month allocation extension to December 31, 2013.

The Route 101 Golden Gate Moveable Barrier project will install a moveable median barrier on the Golden Gate Bridge. The barrier will also extend about 2,000 feet north and 700 feet south on the roadway approaching the bridge. Once completed, these barrier improvements will eliminate crossover head-on collisions while maintaining the ability to change lane configurations on the bridge throughout the day to accommodate variable peak traffic flow patterns.

The installation of the moveable barrier on the bridge and its approaches is limited by a number of constraints related to the existing roadway geometry, right of way issues on the approaches to the bridge and the coordination with many stakeholders having jurisdiction or vested interest in the operations along the bridge approaches. Due to these challenges, significant time and effort has been spent to address complex operational and maintenance issues. Before all the necessary environmental studies can be completed, additional time is needed to resolve various traffic lane reconfiguration related issues and to complete the development of lane changing operations and maintenance of the moveable barrier which needs to be coordinated with the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, the Presidio Trust and with the design and construction details of certain elements of the Doyle Drive project. It is expected that the PA&ED will be completed by May 2012 and the project will be ready for allocation by December 2013.

Therefore, the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District is requesting an 18-month extension to the period of project allocation.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission concurs with this request.

BACKGROUND:

Current STIP Guidelines stipulate that funds programmed 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 for allocation one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.