

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION FOR STIP INTERCITY RAIL AND LOCALLY ADMINISTERED RAIL PROJECT, PER STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER 12-40**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) requests that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project allocation for the Oakland to San Jose Track Improvement Program project in Alameda and Santa Clara Counties (PPNO 2090) (Improvement Project) for 12 months, per STIP Guidelines to June 2013.

## **ISSUE:**

The Commission has programmed \$3,350,000 in Interregional Transportation Improvement Program funds in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (CCJPA) for the Improvement Project. The Oakland to San Jose Track Improvement Program is part of a collection of projects that will increase track capacity for Capitol Corridor service, from seven to eleven daily round-trip trains, between Oakland and San Jose, pursuant to an agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad and Caltrain. Additional Improvement Project funding sources are State Proposition 1A funds or a potential federal Transportation Improvement Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant.

The Northern California Blended Passenger Rail Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) currently is being developed among the northern California rail operators and the California High Speed Rail Authority following the recent release of the 2012 California High Speed Rail Business Plan. The Improvement Project will be a part of the MOU and, therefore, requires an updated funding plan. Negotiations for the MOU and the updated funding plan should be finalized within 12 months. Since these negotiations are not complete, the Department requests a 12-month extension for the period of project allocation, with which the CCJPA concurs.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Current STIP guidelines stipulate that funds that are programmed for all components of local rail/transit grant projects or for Department construction costs are available for allocation only until the end of the fiscal year identified in the STIP. The Commission may approve waivers to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.