

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION FOR
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS, PER STIP GUIDELINES
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RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project allocation for the West Third Pedestrian Improvement (PPNO 07-4305) in City of Los Angeles (City) for 12 months, extending the allocation request to June 30, 2014.

ISSUE:

This project is programmed for construction in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for \$486,000 in Fiscal Year 2012-13. The City is requesting a 12-month extension to the period of project allocation in order to fulfill Proposition 218 requirements.

BACKGROUND:

Proposition 218 is an amendment to the California Constitution, which increased the role for local resident and property owners in approving new local fees. This statute requires a vote of the affected property owners for any proposed new or increased street lighting assessment before it could be levied. A major component of this project consists of the installation of a new pedestrian lighting system along the project limits. The initial vote occurred on June 14, 2012, but due to irregularities in the initial voting, a re-balloting has been scheduled for September 1, 2013. The project can proceed to the construction phase once the final tally is calculated and the majority is found to be in favor of the assessment. The City, with assistance from the Council District Office and a Community Consultant, has initiated extensive public outreach and anticipates a favorable outcome. Therefore, the City is requesting a 12-month time extension for the period of project allocation.

Current STIP Guidelines adopted by the Commission stipulate that funds that are programmed for all components of local 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 a waiver 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.