

# Memorandum

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To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR HIGH SPEED PASSENGER TRAIN BOND (HSPTB) PROJECTS, PER PROPOSITION 1A HSPTB GUIDELINES WAIVER 13-07**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) accept and defer a ten-month time extension for the period of contract award to December 31, 2013, for the Metrolink High Speed Rail Readiness Program project.

## **ISSUE:**

On August 22, 2012, the Commission approved Resolution HST1A-A-1213-01 allocating \$60,000,000 in Proposition 1A HSPTB (Prop 1A) funds to the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) for the Metrolink High Speed Rail Readiness Program project. The SCRRA had been waiting for the South Coast Air Quality Management District (District) to approve additional funding for the purchase of Tier 4 locomotive compliant engines, which was finally approved on February 1, 2013. However, the SCRRA requires that the District commit funding under an executed contract prior to award of the third-party contract for the \$60,000,000 in Prop 1A funds. Therefore, SCRRA respectfully requests a ten-month time extension for contract award to December 31, 2013.

## **BACKGROUND:**

In February 2010, the Commission adopted HSPTB Guidelines (Resolution HST1A-G-0910-01) which require the agency implementing a project to request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of the allocation.