

# 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 PROJECT COMPLETION FOR STIP  
TRANSIT PROJECTS, PER STIP GUIDELINES  
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## RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project completion by 20 months, to December 31, 2015, for the Metrolink System Wide Infrastructure Replacement and Upgrade project (PPNO 2921), in Ventura County.

## ISSUE:

In November 2010, the Commission approved Resolution MFP-10-09 allocating \$1,500,000 to the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) for the Metrolink System Wide Infrastructure Replacement and Upgrade project. Completion of the project has been delayed due to complications of the systems integration with Positive Train Control (PTC). Coordination with fiber and mountain top tower installations for PTC is required before completion of the system communications upgrade. To resolve the delay, the SCRRA will be taking the following internal steps; prioritizing and completing shorter lead time project components, adjusting project tasks, reconfiguring shorter project phases and meeting more frequently with project staff to discuss issues associated with the project.

The SCRRA requests that a 20-month extension be granted in order to use the remaining \$1,195,223 in awarded funds and continue progress on the project.

## BACKGROUND:

Current State Transportation Improvement Program guidelines stipulate that a local agency has up to 36 months from the award of the contract in which to complete the project. The Commission may approve waivers to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Government Code Section 14529.8.