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To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: August 20, 2014

Reference No.: 2.8c.
Action Item

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Subject: REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION FOR STIP RAIL
PROJECTS, PER STIP GUIDELINES
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RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project completion by 18 months, to December 31, 2016, for the Emeryville Intermodal Transfer Station Parking and Bus Bay Project (PPNO 2020) – Agreement No. 75A0360.

ISSUE:

On February 22, 2012, the Commission approved Resolution MFP-11-07 allocating \$4.2 million in Public Transportation Account funds to the city of Emeryville (City) for the Emeryville Intermodal Transfer Station and Bus Bay project. However, the project needed to secure additional funding that was to come from the Redevelopment Agencies, which were dissolved in 2012. These committed Redevelopment Agency funds were to pay for environmental remediation work scheduled to begin in Fall 2014, and that must be done in advance of construction improvements anticipated to begin in Winter 2014. Funding was secured, but the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), had significant concerns that the water quality may not be adequately protected should earthwork be conducted in the winter season and strongly recommend the ground-breaking not occur until after April 15, 2015.

This request from the RWQCB, has postponed activities until April 15, 2015, and necessitates the City's request to extend the contract term to December 31, 2016.

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.