

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: December 10, 2014

Reference No.: 2.8b.(2)
Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR STATE
ADMINISTERED PROJECTS ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER STIP
GUIDELINES
WAIVER 14-46**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve time extensions for the period indicated for eight State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) projects and six State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects described on the attachment.

ISSUE:

In May 2014, the Commission allocated \$171,254,000 for seven SHOPP projects and \$1,624,000 for five STIP projects. In June 2014, the Commission allocated \$6,000,000 for one SHOPP project and \$137,487,000 for one STIP project. In accordance with STIP guidelines, Resolution G-13-07, the deadline to award contracts for projects allocated in May 2014 is November 30, 2014; and for projects allocated in June 2014 is December 31, 2014. The Department will not be able to meet the deadlines for these projects and is requesting time extensions for the period of contract award. The attachment shows the details of each project and the delays that have resulted in the extension request.

BACKGROUND:

Current STIP Guidelines, Resolution G-13-07, stipulate that the agency implementing a project request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of the allocation. 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.

Attachment

2.8b.(2) Time Extension / Waiver - Contract Award Waiver 14-46

| Project Number | Dist-PPNO | EA | County-Route | Description | Fund Source | Allocated Amount (x \$1,000) | Allocation Date | Request | |
|---|-----------|-------|--------------|---|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------|---------|-------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | Months | until end of (month-yr) |
| 1 | 03-2788 | 1F290 | COL-5 | Native planting at various locations from Yolo County line to Glenn County Line. | STIP | \$ 725 | 05/21/14 | 4 | Mar-2015 |
| <p>Reason for Delay: This project will be constructed by the California Conservation Corps (CCC) through an interagency agreement. The scope of the project includes planting shrubs, plants and trees within interchange quadrants along I-5, as well as placing mulch in the planting areas. During the process of compiling contract packages for the work to be completed by the CCC, the Department learned that the CCC's in the area were not able to perform the mulch work. As a result, it was determined that a separate contract for the mulch placement would be needed. This required time for the Department to segregate the plans into two separate packages, one package for the CCC to complete the planting work and one package to solicit bids for the mulch placement work. The four-month time extension will allow the Department to re-package the project, solicit bids for the mulch placement and execute the contract.</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 03-3708 | 1F280 | GLE-5 | Native planting at various locations from Colusa County line to Tehama County line. (Projects combined for construction.) | STIP | \$ 725 | 05/21/14 | 4 | Mar-2015 |
| 3 | 03-3782 | | | | | \$ 43 | | | |
| 4 | 03-3915 | | | | | \$ 44 | | | |
| 5 | 03-3783 | | | | | \$ 87 | | | |
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| 6 | 03-4281 | 3E110 | NEV-80 | Truckee River Bridge - Paint Structure | SHOPP | \$ 2,110 | 05/21/14 | 3 | Feb-2015 |
| <p>Reason for Delay: This project was originally advertised in July 2014. Due to the nature of the project, the Department received a large number of bidder inquiries regarding project site access, railroad coordination, environmental impacts and migratory birds specifications. The bid opening was postponed multiple times to allow adequate time for potential bidders to review the Department's responses to the inquiries and prepare their bids. Subsequently, technical problems with the Department's Electronic Bidding System resulted in cancellation of the advertisement. The project was re-advertised in October 2014 with an anticipated award by the end of December. This three-month time extension will allow the Department to process the bid package for contract award.</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 10-0333 | 0W190 | SJ-99 | Repair and overlay existing pavement. | SHOPP | \$ 31,958 | 05/21/14 | 6 | May-2015 |
| <p>Reason for Delay: Bids for this project were opened in September 2014. The District performed a bid analysis to determine all significant differences between the Engineer's Estimate and the contract bids. After analysis, an unbalanced bid item was found leading to mathematically and material unbalancing of the bids, and subsequently, rejection of all bids. This six-month time extension will allow the Department sufficient time to open bids, analyze bid results and award the contract.</p> | | | | | | | | | |

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| | | | | | | | | Months | until end of (month-yr) |
| 8 | 07-2163A | 18312 | LA-710 | Required Landscape Mitigation | SHOPP | \$ 1,934 | 05/21/14 | 6 | May-2015 |
| <p>Reason for Delay: Bids for this project were opened in August 2014. The first and second low bidders were disqualified for failing to comply with Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goal requirements. The third lowest bid was significantly higher than the Engineer's Estimate. The Department elected to reject the remaining bid and re-advertise the contract. This six-month time extension will allow the Department sufficient time to re-package, advertise and award the contract.</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 04-0133A | 2G860 | ALA-580 | Construct retaining wall. | SHOPP | \$ 2,252 | 05/21/14 | 3 | Feb-2015 |
| <p>Reason for Delay: Bids for this project were opened in October 2014. The first and second low bidders were found to be non-responsive due to errors in their bid. The low bidder has since challenged the Department's decision. A three-month time extension is being requested to allow the Department to resolve the issue with the low bidder and either award the contract to the low bidder or to the next lowest responsible bidder.</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | 07-4416 | 2881U | LA-210 | Construct concrete pavement, precast concrete panels, and slabs. (Projects combined for construction.) | SHOPP | \$ 64,615 | 05/21/14 | 6 | May-2015 |
| 11 | 07-4686 | | | | | \$ 46,914 | 05/21/14 | | |
| 12 | 07-4525 | | | | | \$ 21,471 | 05/21/14 | | |
| <p>Reason for Delay: This project was advertised in July 2014 and scheduled for bid opening in September 2014. However, due to the complexity and size of the project, revisions to the plans, specifications and estimate were necessary, resulting in delay of the bid opening date to October 2014. After bids were opened, the Department disqualified the low bidder for failing to comply with Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goal requirements. The low bidder has since challenged the Department's decision. As such, a six-month time extension is being requested to allow the Department to resolve the issue with the low bidder and either award the contract to the low bidder or to the next lowest responsible bidder.</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | 02-3359 | 0E360 | TEH-5 | Rehabilitate the Corning Safety Roadside Rest Area | SHOPP | \$ 6,000 | 06/25/14 | 6 | Jun-2015 |
| <p>Reason for Delay: Bids for this project were opened in September 2014. The first and second low bidders were found to be non-responsive due to errors in their bid. The third lowest bid was significantly higher than the Engineer's Estimate. The Department elected to reject the remaining bids and re-advertise the contract. This six-month time extension will allow the Department sufficient time to open bids, analyze bid results and award the contract.</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | 08-0217F | 04351 | SBD-58 | Widen to 4-lane (Hinkley) | STIP | \$ 137,487 | 06/25/14 | 3 | Mar-2015 |
| <p>Reason for Delay: This project was ready to proceed to advertisement in July 2014. However, due to the complexity and size of the project, federal approvals and processing the plans, specifications and estimate for advertisement took longer than originally anticipated and the advertisement was delayed until September 2014. Subsequently, during the advertisement period, revisions to the project plans resulted in multiple addenda being issued which delayed the bid opening to November 2014. This three-month time extension will allow the Department to award the contract.</p> | | | | | | | | | |