

Memorandum

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) approve an 18-month extension for the period of project completion, to June 11, 2017, for the Metrolink System Wide Infrastructure Replacement and Upgrade project (PPNO 2921), in Ventura County.

ISSUE:

In June 2012, the Commission approved Resolution MFP-11-15 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 the shared regional systems integration with Positive Train Control (PTC). As SCRRA's freight partners and Amtrak deploy their PTC systems, the shared communication network will need to be adjusted to ensure network message carrying capacity for all operators in the Southern California Basin. SCRRA is working closely with these partners to finalize PTC testing and deployment across the network. The receipt of the new Tier 4 locomotives is also driving the delay of the project. SCRRA was scheduled to receive the locomotives in December 2015. However, due to a delay in production, the locomotives will not be delivered until June 2016. Thus, final payment and closeout of the project is not anticipated until June 2017.

Therefore, SCRRA respectfully requests an 18-month extension for the period of project completion, to June 11, 2017.

BACKGROUND:

Current State Transportation Improvement Program guidelines stipulate that a local agency has up to 36 months from the award of the contract 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.