

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS, PER RESOLUTION G-06-08 WAIVER-08-05**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Waiver-08-05 extending the period of contract award for the City of Bishop's MacIver Street from Main to Spruce Street Reconstruction Transportation Enhancement (TE) project (PPNO 09-2517B) for six months to September 30, 2008.

ISSUE:

The Commission allocated \$430,000 for the construction phase of the MacIver Street Reconstruction TE project on September 20, 2007. The City of Bishop (City) experienced a five-month delay due to the need to amend the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) to include this project. The City was expecting to amend the FTIP and receive the allocation concurrently; however, approval of the FTIP amendment did not occur until December 20, 2007, at which time the City submitted the Request for Authorization to Proceed (E-76) to the Department.

The City anticipates receiving E-76 approval from the Federal Highway Administration by February 2008, at which time the City expects to advertise for one month. The City estimates that they will review bids for 10 days and award within two or three weeks, with approval by the City Council. The City is requesting a six-month extension in case no bids are received during the first bid period and the project has to be re-advertised.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2006, the Commission adopted Resolution G-06-08, which requires the agency implementing a project to request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of the allocation. The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines stipulate that the Commission may approve a waiver to the contract award deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.