

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 DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES FOR LOCALLY-ADMINISTRATED STIP PROJECTS, PER STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER-12-14**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the request to extend the period of project development expenditure for Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) for the I-880 Landscape Enhancements project (PPNO 2100K) in Alameda County by 12 months, to June 30, 2013 per State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines.

ISSUE:

At its June 2010 meeting, the Commission approved Resolution FP-09-50, allocating \$400,000 in Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds for the PS&E component of the I-880 Landscape Enhancements project (PPNO 2100K). The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Agency) is the implementing agency for this phase of the project. The Agency anticipates that it will not be able to fully expend the PS&E funds due to delays to another project whose project limits fully encompass the project limits of the landscaping project. The Agency is requesting a 12-month time extension for the PS&E expenditures.

BACKGROUND:

The project limits for this project are fully contained within the limits of the much larger Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) funded I-880 Southbound HOV Lane Extension – Hegenberger Road to Marina Boulevard project. The scope of work for the landscaping project includes establishment of various landscaping elements in the interchange areas that are being re-configured as part of the CMIA project. These interchange reconfigurations were not finalized until October 2011. Only after that, the design of the landscaping project started.

The Agency is requesting to extend the period of project development expenditures for the PS&E phase by 12 months in order to fully utilize the PS&E funding for completing the design work.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission concurs with this request.

BACKGROUND:

Current STIP Guidelines stipulate that funds allocated for local project development or right of way costs must be expended by the end of the second fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the funds were allocated. The Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.