

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 LOCAL BRIDGE SEISMIC RETROFIT ACCOUNT, PER LBSRA GUIDELINES WAIVER-12-09**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the request by the County of Los Angeles (County) to extend the period of project completion for the Proposition 1B Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit Queensway South Bound Ramp over Harbor Scenic Drive Project for 20 months, from March 31, 2012 to November 30, 2013.

ISSUE:

In July 2007, the Commission approved Resolution LBS1B-A-0708-001, allocating \$13.5 million of Proposition 1B Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit Account (LBSRA) bond funds, and delegated authority to the Department to sub-allocate funds to projects. The Department sub-allocated \$550,634 to the County for the Queensway South Bound Ramp over Harbor Scenic Drive Project. The County is unable to complete project construction by the deadline of March 31, 2012, therefore, it is requesting a 20-month time extension to November 30, 2013.

The construction phase of the project was advertised in December 2008 and awarded on March 17, 2009. Construction work began in April 2010. In November 2010, the contractor stopped work after completing only 35 percent of the pile installation on three of seven piers. Construction on the bridge was delayed nine months due to a dispute between the contractor and County; work on the project did not resume until August 2011. This work progressed on the pier installation until December 1, 2011, at which time, the contractor requested termination of the contract.

The work still remaining on the project involves completion of pile driving on the three piers that were started, driving the piles for the remaining four piers, pouring the pier caps for all seven piers, and installing the column casings for all seven piers. The County is anticipating that the Surety will take over the remainder of the project; however there is a chance the County will have to go out to bid for a new contractor. In order to account for either situation, and any additional delays that may occur, the County requests a 20-month extension to November 30, 2013.

BACKGROUND:

In May 2008, the Commission adopted the LBSRA Guidelines (Resolution LBS1B-G-0708-001), which requires the implementing agency to request a time extension if the project will not meet project completion within 36 months of the sub-allocation date. The LBSRA Guidelines stipulate that the Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months.