

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 LOCAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS
WAIVER-12-49**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve a 20-month extension for the period of project development expenditures, to February 28, 2014, for the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project.

ISSUE:

In April 2010, the Commission approved Resolution BFP-09-03 allocating \$6,247,813 for the right-of-way (R/W) phase to the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) for the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County Proposition 116 project. Completion of the R/W phase has been delayed in part, due to extensive revisions made to the federal Environmental Assessment (EA) document. Since 2005, the TAMC has been working with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on the EA document and is currently making additional revisions to the document based on the latest FTA staff comments. Also, additional time is needed to secure additional federal funding for the project prior to moving into the project development and R/W acquisition phase.

The TAMC anticipates having a draft EA document available for public review by August/September 2012. As of April 2012, \$111,294 has been expended for the purchase and sale agreement of one parcel needed for the Salinas Layover Facility. The TAMC requests that a 20-month extension be granted in order to use these funds expeditiously and continue on the preparation for R/W acquisition phase.

BACKGROUND:

Resolution G-99-25, Guidelines for Allocating, Monitoring, and Auditing of Funds for Local Assistance Projects, adopted by the Commission on August 18, 1999, stipulates 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.