

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 ALLOCATION FOR
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STIP TRANSIT PROJECTS, PER STIP GUIDELINES
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RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve a 20-month extension for the period of project allocation, to February 28, 2015, for the Capitol Light Rail Transit Extension Phase II project, in Santa Clara County.

ISSUE:

The Commission has programmed \$13,000,000 in the State Transportation Improvement Program in Fiscal Year 2012-13, to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (SCVTA) for the Capitol Light Rail Transit Extension Phase II project. The SCVTA will not be ready to request for an allocation by the June 30, 2013 deadline due to unanticipated air quality conformity and transportation modeling issues, which has delayed approval by the Federal Transit Administration of the National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) document. The project has received approval for the California Environmental Quality Authority document and is awaiting final NEPA clearance.

The SCVTA requests a 20-month extension to complete acquisition of right of way and allow for additional time to request allocation of programmed funds.

BACKGROUND:

Current State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines stipulate that funds programmed for all components are available for allocation only until the end of the fiscal year identified in the STIP. The Commission may, however, 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.