

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 STIP INTERCITY RAIL AND LOCALLY ADMINISTERED RAIL PROJECT, PER STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER 13-24**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) requests that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project allocation for the Sacramento Maintenance Facility project (PPNO 2095) in Sacramento County for 20 months, extending the allocation request to February, 2015.

ISSUE:

This project is programmed for Right-of-Way in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for \$18,850,000 in Fiscal Year 2012-13. The request is for 20-month extension to the period of project allocation. The Division of Rail is working with its Department Right of Way program to establish program funding for Right-of-Way support to perform the land acquisition for the new Sacramento Maintenance Facility (Facility).

BACKGROUND:

The Facility will provide maintenance and storage of current new state-owned Amtrak California locomotives and passenger rail cars.

Federal and state environmental reviews for the Facility are being conducted as a part of the current programmatic review (Review) of the San Joaquin Corridor by the Department. The development of plans for a blended system of conventional and high-speed rail service requires additional modeling and assessments which are delaying completion of this Review. The Review will resume once negotiations for the Northern California Blended Passenger Rail Memorandum of Understanding are finalized. Phase I tasks include site selection and valuation, environmental clearances, remediation and property acquisition. The Department is still in the process of the site selection and valuation, as well as property acquisition and therefore requests a 20-month extension for the period of project allocation in the Right of Way component.

Current STIP guidelines stipulate that funds that are programmed for all components of local rail/transit grant projects or for Department construction costs are available for allocation only until the end of the fiscal year identified in the STIP. The Commission may approve waivers 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.