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To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: June 28–29, 2017

Reference No.: 2.8b.(3)
Action Item

From: NORMA ORTEGA
Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR STATE ADMINISTERED PROJECTS IN THE AERONAUTICS PROGRAM, PER AERONAUTICS GUIDELINES, WAIVER 17-31**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for the California Department of Transportation's (Department) Division of Aeronautics' (Aeronautics) Acquisition and Development (A&D) projects for the County of Trinity (County), as listed on the attached document for the time period shown?

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends the Commission extend the period of contract award for the Aeronautics' A&D projects for the County, as listed on the attached document for the time period shown.

BACKGROUND:

The Commission allocated \$909,000 for the construction of two A&D projects identified on the attachments. The responsible agency has not awarded the contracts within 12 months of allocation as required by the Commission's timely use of funds condition and has requested extensions. The attachments describe the details of the projects and the explanations for the delays.

Current Aeronautics Guidelines, adopted under Resolution G-14-03, stipulate that the agency implementing a project may request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within 12 months of the allocation. The Commission may approve waivers to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with California Government Code Section 14529.8.

Attachments

Time Extension/Waiver—Project Contract Award Deadline
 Acquisition and Development Program

Project B	Applicant County Project Planning Number Project Description Reason for Project Delay	Extension Amount Construction Only	Allocation Date Resolution Number Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline Caltrans Recommendation
1	Hyampom Airport Trinity County Tri-5-15-1 Hyampom Airport Runway Pavement Rehabilitation Project	\$414,000	6/30/2016 FDOA-2015-12 8 Months 2/28/2018 Support
<p>The County of Trinity has requested an eight-month time extension to the contract award date for the Hyampom Airport—Runway Pavement Rehabilitation Project (Project), originally allocated in June 2016, due to an unanticipated delay in completing the Design phase of the Project.</p> <p>Due to adverse weather conditions this past winter season, the County’s roadways suffered damage requiring immediate repairs to return the roadways to a safe condition for the travelling public. The County was required to commit resources to this effort that would have otherwise been dedicated to completing the plans for the project. The County is now able to dedicate the necessary resources back to this Project.</p> <p>An extension of eight months to February 28, 2018, is being requested to award the contract.</p>			
2	Hayfork Airport Trinity County Tri-2-15-1 Hayfork Airport Repave Runway Project	\$495,000	6/30/2016 FDOA-2015-12 8 Months 2/28/2018 Support
<p>The County of Trinity has requested an eight-month time extension to the contract award date for the Hayfork Airport—Repave Runway Project (Project), originally allocated in June 2016, due to an unanticipated delay in completing the Design phase of the Project</p> <p>Due to adverse weather conditions this past winter season, the County’s roadways suffered damage requiring immediate repairs to return the roadway to a safe condition for the travelling public. The County was required to commit resources to this effort that would have otherwise been dedicated to completing the plans for the Project. The County is now able to dedicate the necessary resources back to this Project.</p> <p>An extension of eight months to February 28, 2018, is being requested to award the contract.</p>			



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RE: Hayfork (F62) and Hyampom (H47) Airports

Subject: Request for Consideration: Time Extension, A&D Runway Overlay Projects

Dear Mr. Tabshouri,

Thank you for considering our request for time a extension in awarding the contacts for the two above mentioned airports.

Both of these projects are important to the county as these airports serve a critical function in providing aeronautical transportation in and out of very remote and hard to access areas. While the primary purpose is general aviation, both airports serve as a point to provide emergency medical transportation, and as air attack bases for wildland fires. So much so that \$25k of the match for Hyampom Airport comes from the US Forest Service as mitigated damages to the Hyampom Airport while using it during the 2015 Wildfire Season.

We were initially excited to learn that we received construction funding for both these airports and initialed design work last year. Our intent was to be completed by early March with projects bid in the spring and constructed over the summer.

Unfortunately, Mother Nature had something else in mind for our county. In December, it started to rain, then it didn't stop for rest of the season. In particular, we suffered through multiple storms in January and February that caused \$17.6M in damage to our County Maintained Road System at 42 individual locations, 12 of which required immediate attention to be able to return the roadway to a safe and stable condition that allowed for us to reopen for use.

Because we are a remote rural county, our engineering staff is limited to a Director, two engineers, and a technician, so we found ourselves quickly overwhelmed with this work, and later preparing DSR's for FEMA claims and DAF's for Emergency Relief for FHWA. Work that was recently completed identifying the damage in order to make the deadlines that were imposed.

This unfortunately impacted our progress toward completing our airport projects, but did not extinguish our resolve to see them through to completion.

We ask that you please consider extending the deadline for award to early November. This would give us time to complete the following;

Submit Project Plans to Caltrans Aeronautics	July 14
Finalize Project Plans and Bid	August 31
Bid Opening	Beginning of October
Bid Award	Beginning of November(1 st Meeting)
Winter Suspension	Construction in May/June 2018

This incorporates a bit of time to ensure we can hold to the schedule, and meet all the timelines required for Public Contract bid and Board of Supervisor's submittal requirements.

Again, thank you for your consideration during these difficult times.

Sincerely,



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