

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 CONTRACT AWARD FOR PROPOSITION 1A
HIGH-SPEED PASSENGER TRAIN BOND (HSPTB) PROJECTS, PER HSPTB GUIDELINES
WAIVER 16-09**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve a 12 month extension for the period of contract award to February 27, 2017, for the Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) Stockton Passenger Track Extension project.

ISSUE:

In August 2015, the Commission approved a partial allocation of \$5,319,000 in Proposition 1A High-Speed Passenger Train Bond (HSPTB) funds to the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRRRC) for the ACE Stockton Passenger Track Extension Phase 2A project. The award of a construction contract was expected by December 2015; however, due to prolonged negotiations with the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) on the project plans, the SJRRRC has been unable to enter into a third party contract with the UPRR. The track clearance requirements and the final track geometry need to be negotiated and approved by the UPRR to meet strict standards. The SJRRRC remains in constant contact with the UPRR to propose track geometries that provide for safe railroad operations while staying within the existing right-of-way. The project is anticipated to be complete in Fiscal Year 2017-18.

Therefore, the SJRRRC respectfully requests a 12 month extension for the period of contract award to February 27, 2017.

BACKGROUND:

In February 2010, the Commission adopted Proposition 1A HSPTB Guidelines (Resolution HST1A-G-0910-01) which require the agency implementing a project to request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of the allocation.