

Memorandum

To: Programs and Projects Committee

From: Arthur L. Dao, Executive Director
James O'Brien, Project Controls Team

Date: March 7, 2011

Subject: **Approval of Deadline Extension for Environmental Clearance and/or Full Funding for Two Specific Capital Projects in the Measure B Transportation Sales Tax Program: Route 92/Clawiter-Whitesell Interchange and Reliever Route (ACTIA 15); and Dumbarton Rail Corridor (ACTIA 25)**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission approve extensions to the deadlines for environmental clearance and/or full funding for two capital projects in the ACTIA Measure B Transportation Sales Tax Program as described below:

1. Route 92/Clawiter-Whitesell Interchanges Improvements (ACTIA 15) -- Approve 3-month extension for the environmental approvals deadline from March 31, 2011 to June 30, 2011; and,
2. Dumbarton Rail Corridor Project (ACTIA 25) -- Approve two one-year extensions for both the environmental approvals and full funding deadlines from March 31, 2011 to March 31, 2013.

Summary

The ACTIA Measure B Transportation Sales Tax Program, approved by the voters in 2000, includes a set of "Implementing Guidelines" for the administration of the Measure B fund. These guidelines include deadline requirement for each Measure B capital project to secure environmental approvals and full funding in a timely manner. The guidelines also include a provision for project sponsors to appeal to the Alameda CTC for one or more one-year extensions to one or both of the deadlines.

The City of Hayward has submitted a request for a three-month extension to the current environmental approvals deadline of March 31, 2011, for the Route 92/Clawiter-Whitesell Interchanges Improvements project (See attached request letter from City of Hayward), and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority has submitted a request for two one-year extensions (See attached request letter from San Mateo County Transportation Authority).

A summary of the current environmental approvals and full funding deadlines for projects with approved extensions is provided in Table 1 below. The recommended extensions are noted in the table.

Table 1: Summary of Current Deadlines for Projects with Approved Extensions				
ACTIA Project No.	Project Name	Sponsor	Board Approved Extension	
			Environmental Clearance Deadline	Full Funding Deadline
ACTIA 7A	Telegraph Avenue Corridor Bus Rapid Transit	AC Transit	3/30/2012	--
ACTIA 15	Route 92/ Clawiter Whitesell I/C and Reliever Route	City of Hayward	3/31/2011 Requesting three-month extension to 6/30/2011	--
ACTIA 25	Dumbarton Rail Corridor	SMCTA	3/31/2011 Requesting two one-year extensions to 3/31/2013	3/31/2011 Requesting two one-year extensions to 3/31/2013

Fiscal Impacts

There are no fiscal impacts at this time.

Attachments

Attachment A -- Request letter from City of Hayward (ACTIA 15)

Attachment B -- Request letter from San Mateo County Transportation Authority (ACTIA 25)



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February 25, 2011

Mr. Arthur Dao, Executive Director
Alameda County Transportation Commission
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RE: Request for a Time Extension for Scoping, Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Approval of ACTIA Project No. 15 – SR 92/Clawiter-Whitesell Interchange and Reliever Route Project

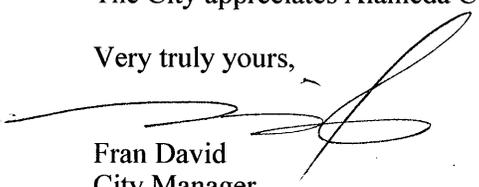
Dear Mr. Dao:

The City of Hayward requests that the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) Board grant a provisional three month extension to June 30, 2011 for the completion of the preliminary engineering and environmental approval process for Phase 1 of the Route 92/Clawiter-Whitesell Interchange and Reliever Route project.

As reported in the latest Strategic Plan update, the City of Hayward resumed work on this project after the ACTIA Board approved a City proposal to revise the project scope, eliminating the West A Street extension and replacing it with signal and related improvements along the Winton Avenue corridor. This action was necessary due to issues arising from the reclassification of the Hayward Executive Airport which affected the feasibility of the West A Street Extension segment of the project. Previously, the ACTIA Board approved an extension to the environmental clearance deadline to March 31, 2011 so the City could pursue other alternatives that would mitigate or minimize the impacts. The City determined that the impacts to the existing airport, golf course and the adjacent residential development that would result from the alternatives were not acceptable and therefore proposed a revised project scope to replace the West A Street segment.

The City has now completed the environmental documents and staff has recommended it for adoption by the City Council at the Public Hearing scheduled for March 22, 2011. On February 17, 2011, the City held a public information meeting to provide information and details of the proposed project. A public review period has been established and the environmental documents are currently available for review by the public and interested agencies. Based on the comments received to date, the City anticipates the adoption to occur as scheduled. However, we are requesting a provisional extension to cover the possibility that the Council may defer the adoption if significant concerns are raised by the Council Members or by the property owners affected by the project. A three month extension should provide sufficient time for providing additional information and resolving any issues that may be raised. The City appreciates Alameda CTC staff's assistance in this time extension process.

Very truly yours,



Fran David
City Manager

cc: Robert A. Bauman, Director of Public Works
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March 2, 2011

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Re: Request for a Time Extension for the Environmental Approval and Full Funding
Dumbarton Rail Corridor Project- ACTIA Project 25

Dear Mr. Dao:

The San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA) requests an extension to the Environmental Approval and Full Funding of March 31, 2011 as prescribed in the Implementation Guidelines of the voter-approved Measure B Expenditure Plan.

The Dumbarton Rail Corridor Project, ACTIA No. 25 will not meet the March 31, 2011 deadline for Environmental Approval or be fully funded by that date. The TA is requesting the Alameda County Transportation Authority for two one- year extensions.

Additional efforts to update ridership forecasts and refine the project alternatives for improved cost effectiveness were recommended by the project's Policy Advisory Committee (PAC). These efforts resulted in extending the time to complete a technical analysis prior to proceeding with the full environmental process.

In November of 2010 the PAC (after approvals from both the Project Development Team and the Citizens Advisory Panel) gave the project team direction to proceed with the following:

- Proceed with planning, design and environmental process, including the preparation and publication of the EIS/EIR
- Complete 15% design
- Prepare a solid funding plan acceptable to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

The DRC project staff has presented the outcome of the PAC meeting to the TA Board.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to working with ACTC to deliver this important transportation improvement program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marian Lee', is written over a white rectangular area.

Marian Lee
Executive Officer

cc: William Hurrell, PCJPB
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