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PLANNING & PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
May 16, 2012

**SUBJECT: FUNDING AGREEMENT LAPSE DATE EXTENSION FOR THE
HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to extend the funding duration to the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority (HDCJPA) from FY 2010-11 to FY 2013-14.

ISSUE

The extension of lapsing date is beyond administrative authority. The Board's approval to extend the lapsing deadline is required.

DISCUSSION

The HDCJPA was formed in November 2006, to expedite the High Desert Corridor as an east-west connection between State Route 14 and Interstate 15. The Board had authorized funding of \$500,000 to HDCJPA on May 22, 2008. Subsequently, a funding agreement was executed. The current lapsing date for the funding agreement is June 30, 2011.

In March 2012, the Board approved the motion to recognize the High Desert Corridor (HDC) as a Strategic Multipurpose Corridor that can accommodate a highway, an energy production and/or transmission facilities, and a high speed rail feeder service line; and to direct staff to clear the project environmentally as such a project. This motion will result in additional time required to complete the environmental document for the HDC project. In anticipation to the additional time needed for the HDC environmental process, HDCJPA's participation through the process needs to be extended to FY 2013-2014.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board could cancel the funding commitment rather than authorize the lapse date extension to FY 2013-14. This would disregard the Board's approval funding commitment and would disrupt on-going work conducted by the HDCJPA.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

The extension of the lapse date with the HDCJPA will have no impact to safety.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This Board action will not increase the original programmed funds for the Funding Agreement with the HDCJPA.

Funding for this project is included in the FY 2011-12 budget for cost center 0441, Highway Program, under project number 465550, HDCJPA.

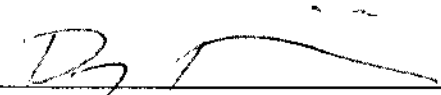
Impact to Budget

There is no impact to budget, as project funding remains the same.

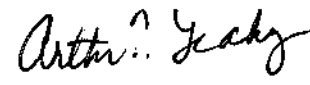
NEXT STEPS

With Board approval, an amendment will be completed to extend the lapse date to FY 2013-14.

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