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TUOLUMNE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

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Re: Extension request for SR 49 Jamestown to Columbia Complete Streets Corridor Plan (grant funded 5304)

Mr. Schroder,

The Tuolumne County Transportation Council is requesting a six (6) month extension for a grant funded project exploring complete street improvements for State Route 49 between Jamestown, Sonora and Columbia. This is a very important project for the region. The project has already spurred several additional opportunities including an Active Transportation Program application (to be submitted for Cycle 5) and a project with Columbia College to help connect Yosemite Community College District land to the City of Sonora supporting non-motorized travel.

Currently, staff is reviewing an administrative draft of the Plan. Task 4 deliverables involve several rounds of public outreach. In April a number of planned community meetings to present the Draft Plan had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With social distancing measures in place, there was no immediate alternative to gather the public input desired and needed for a successful end product.

Staff is currently working on dates and strategies to capture public input on this project inclusive of multiple input options, both physical and virtual. After community meetings are held and feedback is received, the draft document can be modified to reflect comments and suggestions gleaned from the outreach.

At this time, Task 4—Public Outreach, is the task that is threatening the schedule. Once these activities are accomplished, the remaining project tasks can be moved forward, towards finalization. As stated at the outset of the letter, a six month extension will be more than sufficient to complete all activities and tasks in the project scope of work.

Please note- the request is for six months to allow for any unforeseen pandemic activities, although the schedule has the project being closed out in a shorter term.

Respectfully,



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