

(p) (1) Proposed program refinements shall be determined as provided in this subsection.

(2) (i) Within 30 days of the Commission's acceptance of a proposal to change an adopted program, the chairman, on behalf of the Commission, may determine that the proposed change is a program refinement. Immediately upon making a determination under this paragraph, the chairman shall notify the Commission of that determination.

(ii) If a proposed change that was specifically submitted as a program refinement is not acted on by the chairman within the 30-day period, the Commission shall notify the appropriate local jurisdiction that the proposed change has been deemed to be a program amendment.

(3) (i) The Commission may vote to override the chairman's determination only at the first Commission meeting where a quorum is present following the chairman's determination.

(ii) If the chairman's determination is overridden, the proposed change is deemed a program amendment, which shall be decided by the Commission in accordance with the procedures for program amendments provided in this section, except that the Commission shall act on the program amendment within 60 days after a vote to override the chairman.

(iii) If the chairman's determination is not overridden, within 10 working days after the opportunity to override the chairman's decision under item (i) of this paragraph, the chairman, on behalf of the Commission, shall:

1. Approve the proposed program refinement and notify the local jurisdiction;
2. Deny the program refinement; or
3. Send the proposed program refinement back to the local jurisdiction with a list of specific changes to be made.

(iv) Within 10 working days of receiving a changed program refinement changed in accordance with item (iii)3 of this paragraph, the chairman shall approve or deny the program refinement.

(4) A local jurisdiction shall incorporate an approved program refinement into its adopted program within 120 days of receiving notice from the chairman that the program refinement has been approved.

(q) As necessary, a local jurisdiction may combine any or all proposed program amendments or program refinements required for a specific project approval into a single request to the Commission for program amendment, program refinement, or both. Approval by the Commission of a program amendment, program refinement, or both does not affect the Commission's authority to receive notice of or intervene in a project approval that was not specifically approved by the Commission as part of its approval of a program amendment or program refinement.