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Action Item

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AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR EXCHANGE 2001/2002
TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF ACT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

ISSUE

At its February 2001 meeting, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) adopted the Traffic Congestion Relief Act (TCRA) Exchange Program Guidelines. The TCRA Exchange Program was established by Chapter 91, Statutes of 2000, Streets & Highways Code, Section 182.6. This program provides regional agencies with the ability to exchange a portion of their locally controlled federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and/or Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds for state funds from the Traffic Congestion Relief Fund (TCRF). The statute requires the CTC to notify the regional agencies annually of the amount available for the TCRA exchange program for federal fiscal year 2001/02.

For federal fiscal year 2001 the net amount available for exchange is \$291,745,918. This represents \$332,663,533 of regional apportionments and the Obligational Authority (OA) available is 87.7%. Regions would receive \$262,571,327 (90%) in state funds from the TCRF in exchange for the \$291,745,918 in obligational authority.

DISCUSSION

The Traffic Congestion Relief Act Exchange Program will be active each year only if:

- 1) adequate funds are available for exchange in the Traffic Congestion Relief Fund and,
- 2) the Department can obligate the exchanged funds prior to the end of the Federal Fiscal Year.

Under this program, regions may exchange up to 50% of their apportionments and associated federal obligational authority(OA) at the federal OA rate for the year. In return, the Regional Agencies receive state funds at a 10 percent discount of the OA exchanged.

For federal fiscal year 2001 the Department notified the Commission on February 5, 2001 that both conditions are met:

- 1) Adequate funds are available for exchange in the TCRF. No TCRA projects will be impacted by exchanging TCRF funds for the federal funds.

- 2) The Department can obligate up to \$291,745,918 of the exchanged federal funds. This represents \$332,663,533 of regional apportionments and 87.7% OA. Regions would receive \$262,571,327 (90%) in state funds from the TCRF in exchange for the \$291,745,918 in obligational authority. The Department has determined that state projects are available to use those exchanged funds by the September 30, 2001 timeline required in statutes. Attachment A indicates the exchange amounts available by region. Note - If the Department did not have an RSTP or CMAQ eligible project available to use the exchanged funds in a particular region, then that type of fund is not available for exchange.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends the Commission approve the TCRA Exchange Program level for FFY 2001 at the full \$291,745,918 level. Although the Commission may chose to approve a lesser amount, Department and Commission staff strongly recommend approval of the \$291,745,918 level.

The implementation of this program is still contingent on legislative changes that will allow the exchanged federal funds to reimburse the TCRF. Agencies wishing to participate in this program must submit applications by April 15th. The Commission will review and approve exchange applications before the end of the State fiscal year.

Attachment

**Traffic Congestion Relief Act (TCRA)
Exchange Program Notification Amounts
FFY 2000-2001**

<u>Agency</u>	<u>TCRA Exchange Apportionment</u>				<u>TCRA Exchange OA</u>				<u>State Funds Received</u>			
	<u>RSTP</u>	<u>RSTP Urban</u>	<u>CMAQ</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>RSTP</u>	<u>RSTP Urban</u>	<u>CMAQ</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>RSTP</u>	<u>RSTP Urban</u>	<u>CMAQ</u>	<u>Total</u>
<i>Metropolitan Transportation Commission</i>	24,651,851	7,907,869	33,524,311	66,084,031	21,619,673	6,935,201	29,400,821	57,955,695	19,457,706	6,241,681	26,460,739	52,160,126
<i>Sacramento Area Council of Governments</i>	7,035,754	0	9,561,681	16,597,435	6,170,356		8,385,594	14,555,950	5,553,321	0	7,547,035	13,100,355
<i>Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority</i>	47,646,753	169,656	68,727,398	116,543,807	41,786,202	148,788	60,273,928	102,208,919	37,607,582	133,909	54,246,535	91,988,027
<i>San Bernardino County Transportation Commission</i>	4,293,038	2,416,855	10,684,002	17,393,895	3,764,994	2,119,582	9,369,870	15,254,446	3,388,495	1,907,624	8,432,883	13,729,001
<i>Riverside County Transportation Authority</i>	6,129,412	0	8,811,738	14,941,150	5,375,494	0	7,727,894	13,103,389	4,837,945	0	6,955,105	11,793,050
<i>Orange County Transportation Authority</i>	13,263,448	0	18,725,597	31,989,045	11,632,044	0	16,422,349	28,054,392	10,468,840	0	14,780,114	25,248,953
<i>Ventura County Transportation Commission</i>	3,676,907	4,178	4,021,509	7,702,594	3,224,647	3,664	3,526,863	6,755,175	2,902,183	3,298	3,174,177	6,079,657
<i>Imperial County</i>	601,411	0	0	601,411	527,437		0	527,437	474,694	0	0	474,694
<i>Butte County Association of Governments</i>	0	0	265,712	265,712	0		233,029	233,029	0	0	209,726	209,726
<i>Council of Fresno County Governments</i>	3,404,579	0	5,231,049	8,635,628	2,985,816		4,587,630	7,573,446	2,687,234	0	4,128,867	6,816,101
<i>Kern Council of Governments</i>	2,685,295	0	3,317,144	6,002,439	2,355,004		2,909,135	5,264,139	2,119,503	0	2,618,222	4,737,725
<i>Merced County Association of Governments</i>	0	0	989,903	989,903	0		868,145	868,145	0	0	781,330	781,330
<i>San Diego Association of Governments</i>	13,564,715	0	15,246,787	28,811,502	11,896,255		13,371,432	25,267,687	10,706,630	0	12,034,289	22,740,919
<i>San Joaquin Council of Governments</i>	2,644,529	0	2,933,541	5,578,070	2,319,252		2,572,715	4,891,967	2,087,327	0	2,315,444	4,402,771
<i>Santa Barbara County Association of Governments</i>	0	0	2,050,840	2,050,840	0		1,798,587	1,798,587	0	0	1,618,728	1,618,728
<i>Stanislaus Council of Governments</i>	2,038,700	0	2,261,503	4,300,203	1,787,940		1,983,338	3,771,278	1,609,146	0	1,785,004	3,394,150
<i>Tulare County Association of Governments</i>	0	0	1,730,753	1,730,753	0		1,517,870	1,517,870	0	0	1,366,083	1,366,083
<i>Tahoe Regional Planning Agency</i>	0	0	143,930	143,930	0		126,227	126,227	0	0	113,604	113,604
<i>Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments*</i>	0	0	2,301,193	2,301,193	0		2,018,146	2,018,146	0	0	1,816,332	1,816,332
Total	\$131,636,392	\$10,498,558	\$190,528,591	\$332,663,541	\$115,445,116	\$9,207,235	\$167,093,574	\$291,745,925	\$103,900,604	\$8,286,512	\$150,384,217	\$262,571,333

*(includes Monterey, San Benito & Santa Cruz Counties)

Statewide TCRA Exchange Program Notification Amounts

	<u>Apportion-ment</u>	<u>Obligation Authority (OA)</u>	<u>State Funds Received for Exchange</u>
RSTP Exchange Amounts	142,134,950	124,652,351	112,187,116
CMAQ Exchange Amounts	<u>190,528,591</u>	<u>167,093,574</u>	<u>150,384,217</u>
Total	332,663,541	291,745,925	262,571,333