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Information Item

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STATUS REPORT ON LOCAL ASSISTANCE
APPORTIONMENTS SPEND-DOWN

During the 2000 Federal Fiscal Year (FFY), California received \$2.0 billion of Obligation Authority (OA) including \$20.2 million received during August Redistribution. The OA was split \$1.2 billion to Caltrans for State Highway Operation Protection Plan (SHOPP) and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects and \$0.8 billion to Local Agencies.

Local Agencies, after falling 50 percent short of using their share of OA during the first two years of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), turned their use of OA around by obligating over \$1.2 billion during the 2000 FFY or 154 percent of their fair share of OA. Local Agencies accomplished the turn around by both increasing the delivery of roadway projects and transferring over \$548 million of fund to the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) for transit projects.

Caltrans was able to make the OA available for increased local delivery by increasing our use of Advanced Construction (AC). AC is a Federal process that allows projects eligible for Federal Funding to begin prior to Federal funding being available. The Department ended the 2000 FFY with about \$1.9 billion worth of projects authorized under AC provisions.