

# Memorandum

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Subject: **PROPOSITION 1B LOCAL BRIDGE SEISMIC RETROFIT ACCOUNT BASELINE AGREEMENTS**

## **SUMMARY:**

At its May 2008 meeting, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approved Resolution LBS1B-G-0708-01 adopting the Proposition 1B Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit Account Guidelines. The adopted guidelines state “The Department and the local agency responsible for the delivery of a local seismic retrofit project will execute a project baseline agreement, which will set forth the project scope, cost and delivery schedule. Executed baseline agreements shall be delivered to the Department and Commission within three months of the adoption date of these guidelines.” The baseline agreements were prepared using information from the list of projects attached to the adopted guidelines.

## **CURRENT STATUS:**

All the baseline agreements between local agencies and the Department have been executed with the following exceptions:

Fresno County - Bridge Number 42C0280, West Althea Avenue & Delta-Mendota Canal and Bridge Number 42C0281, West Sierra Avenue & Delta-Mendota Canal.

Fresno County claims that the two bridges are under the jurisdiction of the United States Bureau of Reclamation. The Bureau has not claimed responsibility. A determination of ownership is in progress.

Los Angeles County - Bridge Number 53C1710, Fruitland Avenue & Conveyor Crossing Fruitland Avenue Under-Crossing.

Los Angeles County reported that this bridge is privately owned and is no longer eligible for federal/state funding. This bridge will be removed from the active list.

Merced County - Bridge Number 39C0339, Canal School Road & Newman Wasteway.

Merced County has declined the bond funds. The bridge is programmed for replacement under the Highway Bridge Program. This bridge will be removed from the active list.

Cabrillo College – Bridge Number 36C0103, Soquel Drive & Cabrillo College Pedestrian Over-Crossing.

The Department is currently in discussion with and assisting Cabrillo College, since Cabrillo College has no experience with federal aid projects.

**BACKGROUND:**

Proposition 1B was passed by California voters on November 7, 2006. This proposition created a Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit Account. The Account is expected to receive \$125 million. The Proposition 1B bond funds are available to provide the 11.5 percent match for federal Highway Bridge Program funds for seismic retrofit work on local bridges, ramps, and overpasses, as identified by the Department.

At the time the bond legislation was passed, the Department estimated the match requirement based on the latest cost information provided by local agencies for new phases of work not previously authorized. The Department initially identified a total of 479 bridges to receive bond funds.

Additional investigation by the Department revealed that nine bridges were either not owned by local agencies, the seismic retrofit had already been completed, or the bridge had been demolished/removed. These bridges were removed from the active list.

In addition to the above mentioned nine bridges, two other bridges will be removed from the active list. One has been reported by Los Angeles County as being privately owned, and Merced County has declined bond match funds for the other one, since the bridge will be replaced under the Highway Bridge Program. This will reduce the total number of local bridges identified to receive bond funds to 468.