

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
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Subject: **QUARTERLY REPORT ON LOCAL ASSISTANCE LUMP SUM ALLOCATION  
FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2011**

## **SUMMARY:**

For Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) allocated approximately \$806 million to the California Department of Transportation (Department). Of the \$806 million allocated and administered by the Department, approximately \$128 million is State funds and \$678 million is Federal funds.

As of March 31, 2011, approximately \$345 million, or 43 percent, of the \$806 million has been sub-allocated to 311 local projects.

The majority of the sub-allocations (approximately \$283.4 million) are for 259 projects in the following categories:

- Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) - 54 projects, \$67.3 million
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) - 75 projects, \$116.6 million
- Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) - 9 projects, \$21.2 million
- High Priority Projects (HPP) - 17 projects, \$17.4 million
- Highway Bridge Program (HBP) - 29 projects, \$34.9 million
- Railroad Grade Separations - 3 projects, \$15 million
- Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) - 43 projects, \$4.9 million
- Safe Routes to School (SRTS) - 29 projects, \$6.1 million

The remaining \$61.6 million was sub-allocated for 52 projects in eight other categories (as reference with an asterisk on the attachment). This includes \$49.7 million in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) transfers, which refers to funds transferred to the FTA for three RSTP transit projects and 13 CMAQ transit projects that are at the local agencies' discretion and must be accounted for separately from the RSTP and CMAQ highway projects listed above.

## **BACKGROUND:**

On February 22, 2001, the Commission passed Resolution G-01-08, which states that Commission provides an annual lump sum allocation consistent with the Budget Act, and delegates to the Department the authority to administer the local assistance subvention budget. The Resolution

further delegates to the Department the authority to adjust allocations between expenditure categories, and the Department reports to the Commission if transfers in or out of an expenditure category exceed ten percent of its allocation.

**Local Assistance Lump Sum Allocation Status for FFY 2011:**

Some programs have low sub-allocations; however, this is not unusual for the second quarter of the federal fiscal year. RSTP State Match and Exchange and Railroad Grade Crossing Protection programs currently have no expenditures. For the RSTP State Match and Exchange, the agreements will be sent to local agencies in May 2011 and will be reflected on the next quarterly report. The Department is waiting for the Public Utilities Commission to provide a list of Railroad Grade Crossing Protection projects for review and prioritization. The Railroad Grade Crossing Protection program anticipates sub-allocating all funds by the end of the federal fiscal year.

For the Miscellaneous category, total expenditures exceed allocations by \$4.6 million; however, this category is primarily used to fund federal discretionary programs. Due to the discretionary nature of the programs, budget authority is not requested during budget development, but these categories are funded with available authority from other programs' unused balances.

The amount of funds expended as of March 31, 2011 (\$345 million, or 43 percent) is consistent with the prior three years' average usage (\$329 million, or 42 percent) when compared to the same period of time. Consistent with historical trends, the Department anticipates using all funds allocated by the Commission for FFY 2011.

Attachment

**LOCAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS**  
**FY 2010-11**  
**As of March 31, 2011**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

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Fund Description	Commission Allocation			Total Expenditure			Allocation Balance			Percent of Allocation Expended	Number of Projects
	State	Federal	Total	State	Federal	Total	State	Federal	Total	Total	Total
<b>Locally Administered &amp; Miscellaneous Programs</b>											
Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP)		211,496	211,496		67,316	67,316		144,180	144,180	32%	54
RSTP State Match and Exchange	57,849		57,849			*	57,849		57,849	0%	
Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Program (CMAQ)		202,633	202,633		116,576	116,576		86,057	86,057	58%	75
Freeway Service Patrol	25,479		25,479	21,244		21,244	4,235		4,235	83%	9
High Priority Projects		104,085	104,085		17,374	17,374		86,711	86,711	17%	17
Miscellaneous	3,000	850	3,850		8,451	8,451	3,000	(7,601)	(4,601)	219%	25
<b>Bridge Programs</b>											
Bridge Inspection	735	1,320	2,055		183	183	735	1,137	1,872	9%	2
Highway Bridge Program		98,560	98,560		34,866	34,866		63,694	63,694	35%	29
Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit		15,437	15,437		708	708		14,729	14,729	5%	4
<b>Rail Programs</b>											
Railroad Grade Crossing Protection		5,858	5,858			*		5,858	5,858	0%	
Railroad Grade Crossing Maintenance	2,000		2,000	2,000		2,000				100%	1
Railroad Grade Separations	15,000		15,000	15,000		15,000				100%	3
<b>Safety Programs</b>											
Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)		23,606	23,606		4,888	4,888		18,718	18,718	21%	43
High Risk Rural Roads (HRRR)		3,714	3,714		710	710		3,004	3,004	19%	4
Safe Routes to School	24,250	10,336	34,586	3,196	2,884	6,080	21,054	7,452	28,506	18%	29
<b>Total Local Assistance Subvention Funds</b>	<b>128,313</b>	<b>677,895</b>	<b>806,208</b>	<b>41,440</b>	<b>253,956</b>	<b>295,396</b>	<b>86,873</b>	<b>423,939</b>	<b>510,812</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>295</b>
Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Transfers					49,659	49,659					16
<b>Total Local Assistance Including FTA Transfers</b>	<b>128,313</b>	<b>677,895</b>	<b>806,208</b>	<b>41,440</b>	<b>303,615</b>	<b>345,055</b>	<b>86,873</b>	<b>423,939</b>	<b>510,812</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>311</b>

**Assumptions:**

- o Allocations for State funds reflect June-July 2010 meeting vote, Item 2.5h.
- o Allocations for Federal funds reflect September 2010 meeting vote, Item 2.5h.
- o The Allocation Balance is the difference between Commission Allocation and Total Expenditure.
- o FTA Transfers are \$16,098,000 for RSTP and \$33,561,000 for CMAQ.
- o Total Expenditure data is from Info Advantage (accounting system).
- o In accordance with Commission Resolution G-01-08, the Department reports when total transfers in or out of an expenditure category exceed 10 percent of its allocation.

\* The \$61.6 million for 52 projects, as referenced in the fourth paragraph of the book item, is the total of all expenditures in the following eight categories: RSTP State Match and Exchange, Miscellaneous, Bridge Inspection, Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit, Railroad Grade Crossing Protection, Railroad Grade Crossing Maintenance, High Risk Rural Roads, and Federal Transit Administration Transfers.