

Memorandum

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Subject: **PROPOSITION 116 STATUS REPORT**

SUMMARY

This update provides the results of a survey conducted in September 2011 to determine if completed Proposition 116 projects are still being used for the purposes for which they were approved.

All of the respondents to the survey stated that the projects are continuing to be used for the purposes approved. The 59 projects surveyed represent a sampling from the four programs adopted by the Commission: 17 Rail Program projects; 28 Non-Urban Counties Program projects; six Waterborne Ferry Program projects; seven Competitive Bicycle Program projects; and the State Museum of Railroad Technology project.

BACKGROUND

Proposition 116 of 1990 enacted the Clean Air and Transportation Improvement Act, designating \$1.99 billion for specific projects, purposes, and geographic jurisdictions.

Proposition 116 authorized specific amounts, and the Commission adopted separate guidelines, for four distinct programs: Rail Program - \$1.852 billion; Non-Urban Counties Program - \$73 million; Competitive Bicycle Program - \$20 million; and Water-Borne Ferry Program - \$30 million.

After July 1, 2010, pursuant to PUC Section 99684.(b)(c), the Legislature may re-allocate any unencumbered Proposition 116 funds to another passenger rail project anywhere in the state. Any legislative re-allocation must be passed by a two-thirds vote in each house of the Legislature. In the case of Caltrans, the re-allocation must be to a state-sponsored passenger rail project.

The Commission has approved applications for the entire \$1.99 billion. As a result of projects completed with savings, there is a balance of \$349,257 available to be programmed.

Approximately \$1.986 billion has been allocated, of which about \$1.834 billion has been expended, for ongoing Proposition 116 projects.

As of June 30, 2011, a little over \$3.8 million remains available for future allocations, most of it for the State Museum of Railroad Technology.