

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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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 \$1.5 billion to the California Department of Transportation (Department). Of the \$1.5 billion administered by the Department, approximately \$128 million is state funds and \$1.3 billion is federal funds.

As of September 30, 2011, approximately \$1.4 billion, or 92 percent, of the \$1.5 billion has been sub-allocated to 1,383 local projects. The majority of the sub-allocations (approximately \$1.1 billion) are for 1,215 projects in the following categories:

- Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) - 180 projects, \$213 million
- RSTP State Match and Exchange - 86 projects, \$55 million
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) - 259 projects, \$340 million
- Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) - 14 projects, \$25 million
- High Priority Projects (HPP) - 114 projects, \$226 million
- Highway Bridge Program (HBP) - 325 projects, \$131 million
- Railroad Grade Separations - 4 projects, \$15 million
- Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) - 138 projects, \$23 million
- Safe Routes to School (SRTS) - 95 projects, \$23 million

The remaining \$308 million was sub-allocated for 168 projects in seven other categories (as referenced with an asterisk on the attachment). This includes \$244 million in Federal Transit Administration transfers for nine RSTP transit projects and 31 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 the Commission will provide an annual lump sum allocation consistent with the Budget Act, and delegate authority to the Department to administer the local assistance subvention budget. The resolution further delegates the authority to adjust allocations between expenditure categories, and requires the Department to report 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:

As of September 30, 2011, the end of the fourth quarter of FFY 2011, approximately \$1.3 billion, or 92 percent of the \$1.5 billion allocated, has been sub-allocated for 1,383 projects. In FFY 2011, the Department has sub-allocated 100 percent of the federal funding authorized by the Federal Highway Administration for the twelfth consecutive year.

The Miscellaneous category is at 405 percent use of its allocation amount, which also includes federal discretionary programs. Due to the nature of these programs, budget authority is not requested during the budget development process because it is unknown which discretionary program will be funded. However, sub-allocations in this category are funded from funds available in other programs. Historically, the majority of funds expended in the Miscellaneous category are for Emergency Relief projects.

The Railroad Grade Crossing Protection (RGCP) program currently has no sub-allocations. The Department received the list of RGCP projects from the Public Utilities Commission, but the contracts have not been fully executed. The Department anticipates the sub-allocation of all RGCP funds will occur as soon as the local agencies sign their contracts.

Attachment

LOCAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS
FFY 2011
As of September 30, 2011
(Dollars in Thousands)

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Attachment

Fund Description	Commission Allocation			Total Sub-Allocations			Allocation Balance			Percent Sub-Allocated	Number of Projects
	State	Federal	Total	State	Federal	Total	State	Federal	Total	Total	Total
Local Administered & Miscellaneous Programs											
Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP)		414,191	414,191		212,817	212,817	-	201,374	201,374	51%	180
RSTP State Match and Exchange	57,849		57,849	55,270		55,270	2,579	-	2,579	96%	86
Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Program (CMAQ) (1)		405,266	405,266		339,724	339,724	-	65,542	65,542	84%	259
Freeway Service Patrol	25,479		25,479	25,479		25,479	0	-	0	100%	14
High Priority (HPP)/Demonstration (DEMO) Projects		208,170	208,170		225,617	225,617	-	(17,447)	(17,447)	108%	114
Miscellaneous/Emergency Relief (ER)	3,000	1,700	4,700	2,841	16,177	19,018 *	159	(14,477)	(14,318)	405%	66
Bridge Programs											
Bridge Inspection	735	2,640	3,375		743	743 *	735	1,897	2,632	22%	4
Highway Bridge Program		197,120	197,120		130,797	130,797	-	66,323	66,323	66%	325
Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit		30,874	30,874		39,956	39,956 *	-	(9,082)	(9,082)	129%	45
Rail Programs											
Railroad Grade Crossing Protection		11,716	11,716		0	- *	-	11,716	11,716	0%	0
Railroad Grade Crossing Maintenance	2,000		2,000	2,000		2,000 *	-	-	-	100%	2
Railroad Grade Separations	15,000		15,000	15,000		15,000	-	-	-	100%	4
Safety Programs											
Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)		47,212	47,212		23,124	23,124	-	24,088	24,088	49%	138
High Risk Rural Roads (HRRR)		7,428	7,428		2,066	2,066 *	-	5,362	5,362	28%	11
Safe Routes to School	24,250	20,672	44,922	12,602	9,905	22,506	11,648	10,767	22,416	50%	95
Total Local Assistance Subvention Funds	128,313	1,346,989	1,475,302	113,192	1,000,925	1,114,117	15,121	346,064	361,185	76%	1,343
Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Transfers					243,825	243,825 *					40
Total Local Assistance Including FTA Transfers	128,313	1,346,989	1,475,302	113,192	1,244,750	1,357,942	15,121	346,064	361,185	92%	1,383

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 Allocations for Federal funds reflect June 2011 meeting vote, Item 2.5i.
 - o The Allocation Balance is the difference between Commission Allocation and Total Expenditure.
 - o FTA Transfers are \$95,608,000 for RSTP and \$147,716,789 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.
- (1) Federal Highway Administration rescinded about \$70 million of CMAQ apportionment in FFY 2010-11, which lowers the Department's target for suballocation.

* The \$308 million for 168 projects, as referenced in the fourth paragraph of the book item, is the total of all expenditures in the following seven categories: Miscellaneous, Bridge Inspection, Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit, Railroad Grade Crossing Protection, Railroad Grade Crossing Maintenance, High Risk Rural Roads, and Federal Transit Administration Transfers.