

**Local Assistance
Highway Bridge Program (HBP) Advisory Committee Meeting
August 22, 2024 – Action Items and Summary**

Attendees:

Dee Lam, DLA
Matt Randall, Placer County
Umer Ahmed, Riverside County
Michael Chung, San Joaquin County
Jesse Gothan, City of Sacramento
Rebecca Neves, City of Folsom
Daniel Hawk, FHWA
Chris Long, FHWA
Kenneth Kao, MTC
Vanessa Schoenewald, SBCTA

Tim Sobelman, CTC
Jon Pray, CTC
Robert Peterson, DLA
Andy Chou, DLA
Roberta Jensen, DLA
Jason Chou, SLA
Jeremy Wright, SLA
Jim Foster, SLA
Joel Magana, SLA
Jim Perrault, DLAE D6

Decisions

No decisions were made.

Action Items

All completed or closed Action Items will be removed from the list for the next meeting summary.

Item Number	Status	Who	Action	Date Created	Target Date
A114	Complete	All	Discuss possible changes to 6-A scoping document to help estimate project cost more precisely.	4/18/19	2024

Discussions

1. Welcome and Introductions

Filling the vacancies on the committee is a high priority, and we are still looking for a southern alternate representative for the California League of California Cities (LCC).

2. Agenda Review

Division of Engineering Services (DES) Structures Local Assistance (SLA), discussed the draft STP 2.6 - Hydraulic Design For Structures Over Waterways with the group. A follow-up email was sent on 8/23/2024 providing the draft Word document for the group

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to provide comments/questions to SLA. Coordination efforts, if any, would occur through SLA.

3. Review of 6/20/2024 Draft Action and Summary

A114, Local Assistance Program Guidelines 6-A & 6-D draft changes - This action item is still open. An update on this item – the Caltrans Forms Unit shared a proof 6-A form for HBP to review and provide comments and is currently working on the 6-D form. HBP will begin piloting the LAPG 6-A soon.

4. Financial Status

HBP Managers shared the current FFY 23/24 report as of 08/16/2024 with the following points:

- HBP has \$620 million of apportionment available this FFY between core apportionment and BFP funds.
- De-obligations to date are approximately \$20.9 million, which provides additional capacity.
- \$484.8 million has already been obligated since the start of the FFY.
- A reminder that OA delivery will appear artificially low because obligations utilizing BFP funding will not count towards the tracked OA delivery for the local OA pool.
- BFP funds have their own OA, apportionment, and timely use of funds. BFP has a 3-year obligation deadline and a 5-year expenditure deadline. HBP has been utilizing BFP funds first because the program wants to maximize the use of available funds.

5. Unit Cost Trend

DLA shared the analysis of the unit cost from 2020-2023. The handout shared the trend from a Structure Type perspective and also from a federal-aid (on and off federal-aid) perspective. It was noted that this effort does not necessarily capture the cost increases that HBP is currently seeing. Currently, bids are coming in twice the Engineer's Estimate in some projects. HBP managers expect to see another increase in 2024's data.

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6. 2024 HBP Prioritization lists

HBP Managers reviewed the Project Lists for on federal-aid system and off federal-aid system ranked in priority order and presented to the Committee for review.

HBP managers recommended that Priorities 1 through 5 for the off federal-aid system projects and Priorities 1 through 4 for the on federal-aid system projects be allowed into the HBP. The recommendation will allow approximately 24 off federal-aid system projects into the program for about \$64 million. And 28 on federal-aid system projects into the program for about \$69 million.

HBP managers and the Advisory Committee agreed that Priority 6 would be removed from LAPG Chapter 6 Highway Bridge Program Guidelines in the next revision.

7. Review New Action Items and Round Table

SLA shared some announcements.

- SLA has hired a new senior engineer, Danny Mossman.
- SLA stated that they will be requesting help retrieving as-builts from local agencies for the seismic screening effort.

FHWA shared some announcements.

- The FHWA will be onboarding a new California Division Office (CADO) structural engineer position soon.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 12.