# Local Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and How It Works

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### This presentation covers:

- Federal Legislation, SHSP and Performance Measures;
- Local HSIP Advisory Committee;
- Eligible applicants and eligible projects;
- Safety countermeasures and Benefit/Cost Ratio;
- Funding and Project Selection;
- Upcoming HSIP Call for Projects (Cycle 9);
- Project delivery requirements and status; and
- Systemic Safety Analysis Report Program (SSARP).



## Federal Legislation

- 23 United States Code (USC) 148; 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 924 and 490.
- The purpose of the HSIP program is "to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads, including non-State-owned public roads and roads on tribal land." (23 USC § 148 (b)(2))
- HSIP projects:
  - must be based on elements of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP);
  - Are identified through a data-driven process;
  - Target identified safety issue;
  - Reduce fatalities and serious injuries.

# California Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP)



- First developed in 2005, amended in 2010, and updated in 2014;
- Statewide, coordinated safety plan;
- Focus on 4Es: Engineering, Enforcement, Education and Emergency Medical Services;
- Identified 15 Challenge Areas:

| Roadway Departure and<br>Head-On collisions | Intersections, Interchanges, and other Roadway Access | Work Zones                         |
|---|---|------------------------------------|
| Alcohol and Drug<br>Impairment              | Occupant Protection                                   | Speeding and Aggressive<br>Driving |
| Distracted Driving                          | Driver Licensing and<br>Competency                    | Pedestrians                        |
| Bicycling                                   | Young Drivers   | Aging Road Users                   |
| Motorcycles                                 | Commercial Vehicles                                   | Emergency Medical Services         |

Visit <a href="http://www.dot.ca.gov/trafficops/shsp">http://www.dot.ca.gov/trafficops/shsp</a> for more info.

# National Performance Management Measures for the HSIP



FHWA Final Rule (released 3/15/2016; effective 4/14/16) Docket Number: FHWA-2013-0020

➤ Five Performance Measures and Target-setting:

| Performance Measure<br>(5-Year Rolling Average)                           | California's Goal                          | 2018 Target |
|---|--|-------------|
| Number of Fatalities  | -7.69% per year<br>"Toward Zero<br>Death") | 3,590.8     |
| Rate of Fatalities per 100 million VMT                                    |  | 1.029       |
| Number of Serious Injuries  | -1.5% per year                             | 12,823.4    |
| Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT                              |  | 3.831       |
| Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Non-<br>motorized Serious Injuries | -10% per year                              | 4,271.1     |

➤ By February 27, 2018, the MPOs must either agree to support the State DOT targets or establish numerical targets specific to their planning areas.



# Roadway Departure fatalities

California Traffic Fatalities (2011 to 2015)

| Traffic Fatalities                  | 2011           | 2012           | 2013           | 2014           | 2015           | Total          |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| All                                 | 2,816          | 2,966          | 3,107          | 3,102          | 3,176          | 15,167         |
| Involving<br>a Roadway<br>Departure | 1,337<br>(47%) | 1,399<br>(47%) | 1,442<br>(46%) | 1,374<br>(44%) | 1,458<br>(46%) | 7,010<br>(46%) |

From 2011 to 2015, 46% of the traffic fatalities in California involved a roadway departure!



# Local HSIP Advisory Committee

- Members from:
  - Caltrans; California Transportation Cooperative Committee; California State Association of Counties; League of California Cities; Rural County Task Force; RTPAs; MPOs
- Provides high-level balanced strategic guidance to California's Local HSIP and other safety programs and efforts regarding safety on California local roadways.
- Meet about 6 times per year.



## Eligible Applicants:

Any local agency that owns, operates, and maintains the public roadways

- City and County agencies
- Tribal Governments
- Others (reviewed on a case-by-case basis)

# **Eligible Projects:**

Work on publicly owned roadway or bicycle/pedestrian pathway that corrects or improves the safety for users

- Prefer projects that can be delivered quickly and have minimal ROW and Environmental impacts.
- Work must be tied to safety countermeasures in the predefined lists.



# Safety Countermeasures

#### 76 countermeasures (CMs) are pre-defined:

- Signalized intersections: 18
- Non-signalized intersections: 20
- Roadways: 38

Refer to Local Roadway Safety Manual for California Local Road Owners (<a href="http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/HSIP/201">http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/HSIP/201</a> 6/CA-LRSM.pdf)



# Safety Countermeasures (cont.)

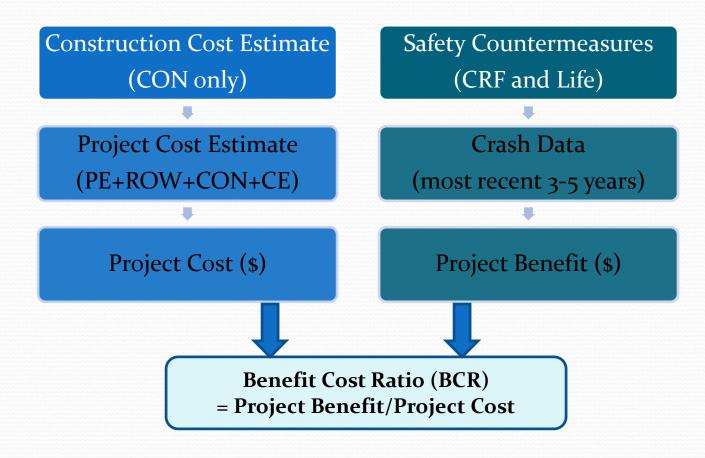
#### Each CM is associated with:

- A crash type (all; Ped & Bike; Night; etc.);
- A Crash Reduction Factor (CRF): 10% to 80%; and
- A Service Life: 10 or 20 years.

| No. | Туре           | Countermeasure<br>Name   | Crash<br>Type | Crash<br>Reduction<br>Factor<br>(CRF) | Expected<br>Life<br>(Years) | Federal<br>Funding<br>Eligibility | Systemic<br>Approach<br>Opportunity |
|-----|----------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| R9  | Geometric Mod. | Install raised<br>median | All           | 25%                                   | 20                          | 90%                               | Medium                              |



# Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) Calculation





# **BCR Calculation - Example**

- Project: Install raised median (CRF=25%; Expected life = 20 years)
- Crash history:

1 fatal crash and 2 severe injury crashes in the last 5 years;

- □ **Cost Estimate:** PE \$105,000 + CON \$620,000 + CE 45,000 = \$770,000
- Benefit:

3 (F/SI crashes)/ 5years x 25% x \$1,730,000 x 20 years =\$5,190,000

$$BCR = \frac{Benefits}{Costs} = \frac{\$5,190,000}{\$770,000} = 6.7$$



# **Local HSIP Funding**

Local HSIP apportionments: approx. \$81 million per year (2016-2020 average)

| National             | California         | California<br>Local HSIP |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| \$2.317 billion/year | \$204 million/year | \$81 million/year        |



- Call interval: every one to two years. Eight calls so far: 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012,2013, 2015 and 2016;
- Cycles 4 to 8: project selection data-driven. \$713 million awarded to 1038 projects. 194 completed/343 in construction. Expected benefits: \$8.8 billion!

| Summary of each cycle |              |                           |                             |                              |                                  |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Cycle                 | Release Date | Number of<br>Applications | Number of projects selected | Federal funds approved (\$M) | Average BCR of selected projects |
| 4                     | 2/23/2011    | 357                       | 179                         | \$74.5                       | 7.9                              |
| 5                     | 10/19/2012   | 276                       | 221                         | \$111.3                      | 14.6                             |
| 6                     | 11/14/2013   | 389                       | 231                         | \$150.0                      | 10.7                             |
| 7                     | 11/12/2015   | 212                       | 182                         | <b>\$160.5</b>               | 16.9                             |
| 8                     | 11/21/2016   | 247                       | 225                         | \$216.9                      | 10.3                             |
|                       | Total        | 1,481                     | 1,038                       | <b>\$713.2</b>               | 12.3                             |



- Most recent call (Cycle 8):
  - > Call period: 5/9/2016 to 8/12/2016;
  - Application's minimum BCR: 3.5;
  - > Funding set-asides:
    - > Set-aside for guardrail upgrades:
    - Set-aside for crosswalk enhancements and pedestrian countdown heads
  - Selection results released: 11/21/2016.



#### Cycle 8 - Application and Project Selection

|               | Applications  | Selected<br>Projects | % Selected |
|---------------|---------------|----------------------|------------|
|               | 247           | 225                  | 91%        |
| Federal Funds | \$252 million | \$216.9 million      | 88%        |

#### Selected Projects:

- ➤ BCR: \$187.6 million /167 projects;
- Set-aside Guardrail upgrade: \$21.9 million/24 projects;
- Set-aside Crosswalk Enhancements: \$7.4 million/34 projects.



### Cycle 8 - Projects with Roadway Departure Safety Related Components

|  | Number of<br>Projects | Federal Funds           | Benefit/Cost<br>Ratio |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| All BCR Projects                       | 167                   | \$187.6 million         | 10.3                  |
| Roadway<br>Departure Safety<br>Related | 56<br>(34%)           | \$47.4 million<br>(25%) | 12.9<br>(25% higher)  |



# **Upcoming HSIP Call for Projects**

- Cycle 9 will be announced around April/May, 2018;
- Webinar for the call: within 2 weeks from the announcement;
- Applications due: August 31, 2018;
- Approx. \$140-\$160 million of HSIP funds;
- Project size: \$100k \$10 million;
- Max. \$10 million per agency;
- Application's minimum BCR: 3.5;
- Four funding set-asides (no BCR calculation needed).



# **Upcoming HSIP Call for Projects**

#### No more than 25% of the funds will be used as set-asides:

- Guardrail upgrades (<=\$20 M)</li>
  - Upgrades of existing guardrail and end treatments;
  - Max. \$1 M per agency;
- Horizontal Signing (<=\$5 M)</li>
  - Horizontal alignment warning signs;
  - Max. \$250k per agency;
- Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements (<=\$8 M)</li>
  - Pedestrian countdown signal heads; Pedestrian crossings; Signs and markings.
  - Max. \$250k per agency.
- ❖ Tribes (\$2M).
  - Any of the above; and Low cost roadway safety improvements (CM# R26-R35).
  - Max. \$250k per agency.



# **Upcoming HSIP Call for Projects**

#### **Key to Successful Applications:**

- 1. Develop good projects:
  - Select locations where safety improvements are most needed (high crash-concentration spots vs. systemic approach).
  - Apply effective safety countermeasures.
- 2. Prepare your applications no fatal flaws.
  - A technical process not grant writing engineer's work.
  - Collect/verify data and use data correctly.



# Local HSIP: Project Delivery Requirements

- Need to follow federal-aid process;
- Requirements established to ensure safety projects are delivered in a timely manner
  - PE Authorization within 9 months; and
  - CON Authorization within 36 months
  - Can not apply for new HSIP funds if either milestone is not met
  - If there is still no CON authorization within 5 years, project will be removed from the program.



# Local HSIP Project Delivery Status

#### Status of Local HSIP Projects (as of 2/5/18)

| Status  | Number of<br>Projects<br>(all 8 cycles) | Number of Projects<br>(cycles 1 to 5) |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| No<br>Authorization                             | 104 (7%)                                | 8 (1%)                                |
| In Preliminary<br>Engineering /<br>Right of Way | 341 (24%)                               | 22 (3%)                               |
| In<br>Construction                              | 398 (29%)                               | 223 (29%)                             |
| Completed                                       | 552 (40%)                               | 523 (67%)                             |
| Total   | 1395                                    | 776                                   |

# Systemic Safety Analysis Report Program (SSARP)



- Provides state funds to do a comprehensive systemic safety analysis on roadway networks.
- Assists local agencies that do not have safety analysis expertise.
- Up to \$250,000 for one agency; up to \$500,000 for a joint application (two or more agencies).

# Systemic Safety Analysis Report Program (SSARP)



Oct. 2015: CTC Allocated \$10 million 7/15/2016: 61 funded projects released (41 cities/15 counties/5 joint)

Jan. 2017: CTC Allocated another \$7.7 million 5/12/2017: 46 funded projects released (41 cities/5 counties)

107 SSARP projects funded (82 cities/20 counties/5 joint) As of 2/8/2018: \$13.9 million sub-allocated to 82 projects. Local agency has three years to complete the study/report. 3 projects cancelled (\$587,500).



#### **HSIP** Website and Contact

• Local HSIP Website: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/hsip.html

Or

Google search: "CA Local HSIP"

Contact: richard.ke@dot.ca.gov; (916)653-4727



# **Questions?**



Thank you ...