California Local HSIP Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2025, 1:00pm – 3:30 pm Via Webex

Attendees:

Richard Ke, Roberta Jensen, Kelly Mar, Simrit Dhillon, Angel Araiza, Harsimran Bains, Anjero Asprer, Blake Rampey, Blossom Scott-Heim, Kendra Bradley, Cat Le, Jessica Pecha, Jon McClain, Alejandro Lopez, Karen Sampson, Bei Le, Mallory Atkinson, Maria Bhatti, Maro Sanchez, Mina Kim, Olga Reyes, Panos Kokkas, Rafael Cobian, Colleen Vidinoff,

Item 1: Welcome and Committee Updates

- Roll call and Introduction
- Update from Roberta Jensen as the acting office chief and chair

Item 2: Project Time Extension Updates

- A. El Cajon
- B. Los Angeles County
- C. Tehama County

Detail of project's status, challenges, and requested time extensions below.

Item 2a: El Cajon: Maro Sanchez

- Cycle 10 Project (State Funded)
- Delay caused by COVID and staffing shortages
- Previously the CON Milestone was extended to December 30, 2024
- PS&E is at 90% and should be done by summer
- E-76 will be submitted by fall to Caltrans
- Project will be advertised by April 2026, and Project Completion by October 2026
- City is requesting an extension until October 1, 2025

Committee Questions/Feedback:

• Richard confirms the new targeted date for E-76 submittal will be October 2025.

Item 2b: Los Angeles County: Anjero Asprer

- Cycle 9 project, previously presented December 12, 2024
- CON Milestone was extended to September 30, 2025
- Delay due to redesigning an intersection located in the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Right of Way
- New design relocated traffic signal, eliminated building a bulb-out at NW corner of Alameda and Firestone

- UPRR requested a structural analysis confirming the redesign will have no impact on the super structure.
- Redesign was submitted to the ports on May 15, 2025 and theestimated review time is 8-10 weeks so the agency will not meet the 3rd time extension deadline of July 31, 2025, hope to submit RFA by January 31, 2026, and obligate construction funds by March 31, 2026

Committee Questions/Feedback:

- Richard confirms: New CON Milestone is March 31,2026
- Colleen asks if the UPRR is okay with the redesign, Anjero confirms the redesign will not cause any delays.

Item 2c: Tehama County: Jon McClain

- Cycle 9 project, Lake California Drive is 3 ½ mile section of Old County Road
- Project includes safety improvements, rumble strips, curve markings, pull out some fixed objects, shoulder backing, striping, high friction pavement treatment.
- Previously presented March 2024, and was extended June 30, 2025
- Currently project is 60% plan set, PES is completed, flood plain information for the location of hydraulics studies has been submitted, Historic Resources Information System Request has been submitted, no impacts are expected.
- County has made it through original ROW challenges, currently challenges are due to a wildfire and loss of staff so the agency needs more time.
- Next steps: finalize plans, finish environmental, put bid package together, request for authorization of PS&E funds, submit RFA for CON, once Environmental is complete they will head to ROW which will entail one PCE from HOA since there's an area in the project to set aside for a contactor staging area. It's included in the ESL, APE, PES, but would like to get a formal TCE from the HOA.
- No challenges are expected, HOA is on board
- Extended CON date to June 2026.

Committee Ouestions/Feedback:

- Panos asks if the agency believes the extension until June 2026 will be too aggressive for the completion of environmental and other approvals.
- Roberta asks when environmental to be cleared, Jon estimates by the end of July.
- Richard confirms it shouldn't take too long for NEPA clearance.
- Panos emphasizes the importance of having a sufficient timeline.
- Jessica asks if an 18-month extension is approved but the project is ready earlier, is it possible to authorize funds. Richard confirms it is possible with the EPSP process to move funding.
- Richard confirms an extension for 18 months.
- Roberta emphasizes, if the 18-month extension is approved, the EPSP can be authorized after April 1st. Jessica asks if Advanced Construction can be used.
- 18-month extension was approved.

Item 3: Information sharing: Rural Road Safety Peer Exchange:

• There is a Rural Road Safety Peer Exchange being organized by HQ (FHWA).

- The agenda is still being finalized, will be held June 17&18 in Sacramento.
- Most west coast states will be attending this exchange

Committee Questions/Feedback:

 Roberta asks the number of states attending. Maria confirms Wyoming, Arizona, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington, California, and Nevada

Item 4: HSIP Funding Obligation/Allocation Status:

- State Funds:
 - o Allocated \$39 million
 - CTC approved \$30 million of exchange but we had some money from previous years' exchange
 - Out of \$272 million we allocated \$226 million
 - o Before the next exchange we have \$46 million left and are open to state funded projects coming in for allocation requests
- Federal Funds:
 - o HRRR YS60: obligated \$17 million
 - o VRU: obligated \$2 million, State side use majority since total VRU is \$42 million
- HSIP Funding YS30: currently negative since old projects are using federal funding and deobligations when projects are closing.
- Kelly notified districts to ask local agencies to delivery cycle 12 projects, it will be over \$200 million of federal funding. If HSIP estimates 15%-20% to come in for PE, we will be able to obligate \$30-40 million.
- Quarterly reports are posted online.

Committee Questions/Feedback:

- Maria appreciated the update. Richard emphasizes for the special rules we have more projects coming in but we use AC so HSIP is able to convert the amount in the new fiscal year. The obligations won't be counted for this fiscal year.
- Roberta confirms there is about \$45 million to be obligated.

Committee Questions/Feedback:

• In the future meetings we will discuss Cycle 13.

Roundtable:

- Maria shares SS4A is continuing and those with SS4A grant should contact POC to proceed if agreement has not been executed.
- Closing date for SS4A is June 26, 2025

Next Meeting:

July 17, 2025

Adjourn: 1:55pm