

California Local HSIP Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2025, 1:00pm – 3:30 pm Via Webex

Attendees:

Richard Ke, Kelly Mar, Simrit Dhillon, Dale Benson, Maria Bhatti, Ryan Mak, Morris Zarbi, Mina Kim, Mallory Atkinson, Lindy Palmer, Inam Z, Colleen Vidinoff, Lorraine Delano, Bill Sandhu, Panos Kokkas, Blossom Scott-Heim, Rebecca Neves, Rafael Cobian, Jackie Rojas

Item 1: Welcome and Committee Updates

- Richard welcomed the committee.
- Bob Baca is the acting Office Chief of Office of Federal Programs.

Item 2: Project Time Extension Updates

2a. City of Ojai (H10-07-024)

- Pedestrian crossing enhancement for 3 intersections.
- Previous CON extension requested in March 2025.
- This is a small project within a larger project. The larger project is facing delays due to ROW challenges which is causing delays for the City of Ojai.
- The city has been working with Dale Benson, Caltrans, and the community to find design alternatives.
 - Challenges:
 - Hwy 150 runs parallel to the bike path which is raising questions. Now plans have changed to make it into a wider walking path accommodating both bikes and pedestrians.
 - ROW is delayed
 - Utility Relocations: possible water meters
 - Environmental: revalidation of NEPA
 - Milestones:
 - Complete Design
 - Community consensus
 - ATP Funding:
 - \$3–4milliondollar project
 - \$250,000 is HSIP funding
 - ATP funding has been used in phase 1 and more funding requests are being made.
 - Scope Change:
 - City will send request to District, and District HSIP Coordinator will send the request to HSIP.
 - Committee Feedback:
 - Committee asked about current challenges and milestones with the 2-year extension request.
 - ATP funding amount.

- Potential scope change? Project Decision:
 - Sept 30, 2027, 2-year extension approved.
 - When there are project updates about ROW completion, update the committee of progress.

Item 3: HSIP Funding Obligation/Allocation Status

- **FFY: October 1, 2024 - September 11, 2025**
 - **State Funding:**
 - Allocated \$71.5 million to 172 projects
 - **Federal Funding:**
 - Authorized \$30.9 million to 33 projects
 - **Total:** \$102.4 million
 - CON Milestones are due next year for Cycle 11 projects so project delivery number will increase.
- Special Rule:
 - **YS60, HRRR**, (local): Authorized \$17.6 million
 - **VRU** (local): Authorized \$3 million
 - **Total Authorized for VRU:** \$42 million, majority used by State

Item 4: Update: Response to July 1st SAFE ROADS Letter

- 1 Month Extension – due October 1, 2025
 - Submit Local HSIP Project List (216 projects)
 - Submit Cycle 10/11 BCR projects (data driven projects)
 - List is open to MPOs (24 projects)
 - Assist State to submit on time.
- Links:
 - [July 1st SAFE ROADS Letter](#)
 - [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#)
- Final List will be posted and sent to MPOs

Roundtable:

- Cycle 13 call for projects is approaching.
- FHWA has resources posted about SAFE ROADS.

Next Meeting:

December 11, 2025

Meeting Adjourned:

2:00 p.m