

## California Local HSIP Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes

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

#### Attendees:

Richard Ke, Kelly Mar, Bob Baca, Dave Ernaga, Maria Bhatti (FHWA), Rafael Cobian - City of Anaheim, Mina Kim, Rebecca Neves, Simrit Dhillon, Luke Schwartz (City of SLO), Colleen Vidinoff, Nicole Fortner, Panos Kokkas, Blossom Scott-Heim, Shelly Quan, Bryan Wheeler - City of SLO, Wes Zinke, Mallory Atkinson - MTC, Karen, Maria Bhatti (FHWA), John - Tehama County, Ryan Mak

#### 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. Lassen County (H11-02-001)

- Project Description/Request:
  - **Location:** 1.2 miles of CR A27 (Center Road) from 700ft west of Johnstonville Road to 1,500ft east of Cramer Lane in central unincorporated Lassen County.
  - **Description:** Install edge rumble strips, centerline rumble strips and high friction surface treatment along length of corridor and advance curve warning and chevrons signs at two curves.
  - This project currently has a "Do Not Authorize New Projects" hold due to the Lassen County Auditor having not submitted a FY22/23 and 23/24 Single Audit. The FY22/23 Single Audit was submitted in October 2025 to the SCO and is currently under "Desk Review". The FY 23/24 Single Audit is currently underway with an unknown time frame for submittal and acceptance to/by the SCO.
  - Additionally, the County has a STIP Rehab Project (PPNO 2652) programmed for construction in FY 25/26 and is planning to construct both this HSIP project and Rehab at the same time, so the Rehab project does not remove items implemented by the HSIP project.
- Committee Feedback:
  - CON authorization extended to September 30, 2026.
  - PE will be done in-house and will not invoice for PE.

##### 2b. San Luis Obispo (HSIP6-05-003)

- Project Description/Request:
  - **Location:** Higuera Street between Bridge St and Elks Lane.
  - **Description:** Widen a portion of roadway north of Bridge and install new curb, gutter and sidewalk; install "Two-Way Left Turn Lane", remove one NB travel lane, for the length of the segment. Install two left turn receiving lanes.
  - This is the third time extension being requested for this project. The last request moved the CON authorization target to 4/19/2023. The City was unable to

acquire R/W from Caltrans District 5 with CTC approval until 8/23/24. At that time, the City faced further utility relocation delays in moving the utility poles along Higuera Street. Additionally, when the City Arborist evaluated the tree protection plan prior to finalizing PS&E, it was determined that the current project would adversely affect the ordinance-protected heritage trees directly adjacent to the project. Therefore, the City is applying for a project scope change request to limit the roadway widening, while still delivering the safety enhancements that are part of the project scope. The additional time to apply for the scope change request necessitates this request for a time extension.

- The scope change is requested as there will be significant and unavoidable impacts to environmentally-protected heritage trees. This would violate the projects CEQA approvals and necessitates the removal of widening for the entire segment. However, the project will widen a portion north of Bridge Street and still install a two-way left turn lane. This results in a north-bound road diet, along with two left-turn receiving lanes at both Elks and Bridge Streets.
- Committee Feedback:
  - CON authorization extended to April 2026.
  - If the project description changes, then a FTIP amendment will have to be processed and it will be sent to the MPO to amend.

## 2c. Tehama County (H9-02-005)

- Project Description/Request:
  - **Location:** A 3.5 mile segment of Lake California Drive in Cottonwood, from 0.25 mile south of Main Street to Sawtooth Drive.
  - **Description:** Rehabilitation and reconstruction of Lake California Drive from 0.25 mile south of Main Street to Sawtooth Drive.
  - The previous time extension request was brought to the committee's May 22, 2025 meeting to ensure that environmental approval could be secured, temporary construction easements be obtained, and contract documents finalized. Delivery of the current HSIP project is currently on schedule with a completed NEPA Categorical Exclusion, temporary construction easement acquisition underway, and plans developed to 90%.
  - Following approval of the time extension, \$6M of Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) was allocated for the Lake California Drive Reconstruction project with CON in FY 2028/29. The Reconstruction project includes corridor improvements, road rehabilitation, and multi-modal infrastructure development within the same limits as the current HSIP project. Approval of this request will align the CON phase of the HSIP project with the Reconstruction project.
  - The Reconstruction project will realign Lake California Drive to current geometric design standards, remove hazards to create a clear recovery zone, and develop a complete street bike/pedestrian facility that may be utilized by emergency vehicle for access during an incident. The current HSIP project applies a combination of countermeasures to four location groups along Lake California Drive. The Reconstruction project improvements will satisfy the countermeasures identified in the HSIP project.
- Committee Feedback:
  - PE funding has been authorized and CON authorization expected June 30, 2029.

## Item 3: HSIP Delivery Survey

- To better manage the use of Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding in Federal Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and into the future, we are conducting an annual survey for project delivery timelines.
- The updated project delivery information provided by local agencies through this survey will help identify which projects are expected to come in for funding authorization or allocation in each year.
- Attached is a list of existing HSIP projects that have not had CON authorization and have not been closed.
- A survey was sent to districts with upcoming/past PE and CON authorization dates.
- 60% response rate.

#### **Item 4: HSIP Funding Obligation/Allocation Status**

- **FFY 24/25 Summary**

- [FederalSummary.pdf](#)

- [StateSummary.pdf](#)

- **FFY 25/26 Analysis**

- **State Funding:**
    - Allocated \$80 million
  - **Federal Funding:**
    - \$90 million will be obligated
  - **Total:** \$170 million
  - Will work with the districts, committee, and local agencies to ensure on time delivery and expedited delivery time.
  - Expected to use full OA amount FFY 25/26

#### **Item 5: Update: Response to July 1<sup>st</sup> SAFE ROADS Letter**

- Caltrans submitted a list of 30 projects on October 1, 2025.
- List included 1 project per MPO, and no projects in rural areas.
- Next Step: Waiting on Federal Highway.
- Description of states responses was posted on Safe Roads Website.

#### **Item 6: FHWA, HSIP Scan Tour**

- Note our best practices on Local and State side.
- HSIP presented administration, planning, implementation, and evaluation practices.
- Included 2 site visits of local projects.
- A report will be published by the end of the year.

#### **Item 7: Letter from Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission**

- [Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission](#)
- HSIP will not fund a project with ONLY accessible pedestrian signals. However, if the project has other countermeasures, then it can be funded.
- HSIP will do more research.
- HSIP relies on FHWA database for countermeasures.

Committee Feedback:

- Committee agreed with approach.

#### **Item 8: Cycle 13 Call for Projects**

- Start May 2026
- Due Sept 2026
- Most funding will be used for BCR rankings
- Current Set Asides:
  - Pedestrian Safety
  - Guardrail upgrade
  - Bike lane safety
  - Edge line and centerline for rural roads
  - Tribes
- Open to additional set aside recommendations.

#### **Committee Feedback:**

- Modular/compact roundabout was suggested, could be a possibility.
- Maria Bhatti (FHWA) agrees and supports.
- Will discuss more next meeting

#### **Item 9: Roundtable**

- Rafael Cobian-City of Anaheim discusses education on the E-Bike side, riding safety etc.
- Richard suggests safety education can be eligible in the PE phase for non-infrastructure components.
- Will discuss more in the next meeting
- Bill Sandhu is retiring, in need of replacement.

#### **Next Meeting:**

January 22, 2026 at 1:00pm

#### **Meeting Adjourned:**

2:45 p.m.