

California Local HSIP Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2026, 1:00pm – 3:30 pm Via Webex

Attendees:

Richard Ke, Cori Marsalek, Simrit Dhillon, Rafael Cobian (City of Anaheim), Mallory Atkinson (MTC), Maribel Ramos, Bob Baca, Panos Kokkas, Kelly Mar, Zhongren Wang, Maria Bhatti (FHWA), Karen, Ryan Mak, Tom Mattson, Phil Rust, Colleen Vidinoff, Shelly Quan, John Y. Liu

Item 1: Welcome and Committee Updates

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

Item 2: Project Time Extension Updates

2a. Monterey County (H10-05-004) – 2nd Time Request

- The design for the Prunedale Roundabout Project is currently near 90 percent complete. As design advanced, the need for permanent right-of-way acquisition, including fee title and easements, was confirmed. Design refinement shifted the layout away from the southeast parcel to avoid retaining walls, reducing construction risk and affecting the final right-of-way footprint. Appraisals are scheduled for December 18, with negotiation packets to follow. Completion of permanent acquisition requires Board of Supervisors authorization, property owner negotiations, execution of acquisition documents, and right-of-way certification prior to construction advertisement. These activities now represent the project's critical path. The County previously requested a time extension for the allocation deadline for the construction phase. All efforts had been made to meet this deadline but there were some unavoidable delays. Therefore, a four-month construction allocation time extension is being requested to allow sufficient time to complete permanent acquisition while final design continues in parallel.
- First construction allocation time extension: Feb 28, 2026
- Time extension now approved: June 30, 2026

Item 3: Training Plan: Safety, Small, and Affordable Roundabouts

- ISOP partnering with LTAP
- Host an informative webinar for local agencies focused on affordable roundabouts. The session will cover:
 - Cost considerations
 - Key statistics and performance data
 - Design features and best practices
 - Relevant studies and research findings
 - Navigating the political process for implementation
 - Technical support
 - Application assistance

Committee Feedback:

- Will this be a webinar or in-person? Starting with a webinar and in the future will work with local agencies individually with assistance from Caltrans Local Assistance.

- Possible roundabout countermeasure with specific requirements.
- Pop-Up Roundabout costs = <\$100,000.
- 2 webinars, one before and after the HSIP call for projects (May/June). First one being more informative and educational and the second focusing on the application process.
- Potential incentives to promote modular roundabouts as a long-term solution: possible set aside to streamline process, possibly not having to do local match, and not having to do extensive study if certain criteria are met.
- Webinar will be posted online as well.
- What is the general message in this webinar? Safe system approach, how do roundabouts affect the infrastructure, and safety of all road users.
- For local road to local road intersection, ICE is recommended but not required. Potentially go through ISOP process if purely local agency intersection.

Item 4: HSIP Delivery Status, Funding Status, and Accumulated HSIP Apportionment

- Oct 1, 2025- Dec 31, 2025: \$16 million obligated
- This FFY 25/26 will be a big delivery year because Cycle 11 projects have construction phase due this year.
 - Prediction is \$100 million.
- We need to reach out to local agencies about delayed projects and Cycle 11 projects where the construction is due at the end of March. We recently did a survey as a reminder for the upcoming construction due date but request help from the committee to notify local agencies of delayed projects.
- Delayed projects found: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/highway-safety-improvement-program/delivery-requirements-status-approved-projects>
- Delayed projects without time extension will not be eligible to apply for Cycle 13 call for projects.
- Cycle 13 call for projects plan: Have a larger call for projects than before to use accumulated balance of HSIP apportionment.

Committee Feedback:

- In agreement with having a larger Cycle 13 call for projects to reduce the accumulated apportionment.

Next Meeting:

March 26, 2026, at 1:00pm

Meeting Adjourned:

2:45 p.m.