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### I. BACKGROUND

Chapter 23 of the Local Assistance Program Guidelines (LAPG) assists responsible local agencies, regional planning agencies, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and Caltrans in the administration of local grant projects programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The last version of the LAPG Chapter 23 was dated December 3, 2009. Since that time, there have been several changes to the STIP Guidelines including the 2014 STIP Guidelines adopted by the California Transportation Commission in August 2013. This Office Bulletin addresses the newly adopted STIP guideline changes.

### II. POLICY

Revisions to several sections of Chapter 23 of the LAPG are included in this update. The following represent the major changes:

- The Transportation Enhancement (TE) program was eliminated by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21). Existing TE projects may remain in the STIP so long as they are eligible for State Highway Account or other federal funds.
- Caltrans recommendation for construction allocations will include determination of Plans Specifications and Estimate (PS&E) completion, achievement of right of way and environmental clearances, and all necessary permits and agreements secured.
- Allocations for PS&E, right of way or construction of a federally financed project will be made only after documentation of environmental clearance under the National Environmental Policy Act.

### III. PROCEDURE

LAPG Chapter 23—Local Agency STIP Projects is replaced in its entirety with the attachment to this Office Bulletin.

### IV. APPLICABILITY/IMPACTS

These changes impact all locally administered STIP projects.

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Attachment: LAPG Chapter 23 – *Local Agency STIP Projects*