Priority Legislative Budget Projects (PLBP) Funds (2026)

Division of Local Assistance

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- Allocation process –Advance Payment
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2026 PLBP Projects
AB-113 (2026)

District	AB 113, SEC	$	Project
4	49	$1,000,000	1. Of the amount appropriated in this item, $1,000,000 shall be available to the City of Newark for pedestrian
4	49	$1,000,000	4. Of the amount appropriated in this item, $1,000,000 shall be available to the Sonoma County Transportation Authority for wayfinding and bus stop improvements.
4	49	$1,000,000	8. Of the amount appropriated in this item, $1,000,000 shall be available to the Transportation Authority of Marin County to extend and expand the Redwood Bikeshare pilot program in the Counties of Sonoma and Marin.
4	49	$1,500,000	14. Of the amount appropriated in this item, $1,500,000 shall be available to the City of San Leandro for im- provements to Lake Chabot Road.
5	49	$1,800,000	7. Of the amount in this item, $1,800,000 shall be available to the County of Monterey for the design, permitting, and construction of Protective Structure to be place near the mouth of Carmel River to prevent further bluff erosion and management lagoon flooding.
5	49	$1,200,000	10. Of the amount appropriated in this item, $1,200,000 shall be available to the City of Santa Maria to implement the City's Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan.
7	49	$250,000	12. Of the amount appropriated in this item, $250,000 shall be available to Ventura County for traffic calming and multimodal transportation investments.
7	49	$204,000	11. Of the amount appropriated in this item, $204,000 shall be available to Ventura County for the Channel Islands Harbor Pedestrian Access Improvements on Victoria Avenue.
7	49	$1,100,000	9. Of the amount appropriated in this item, $1,100,000 shall be available to the City of Ojai for trolly replacement.
7	48	$2,000,000	1. The amount appropriated in this item shall be available to the City of Ventura for infrastructure improvements to Main Street consistent with parklet design.
7	49	$2,000,000	2. Of the amount appropriated in this item, $2,000,000 shall be available to the City of Los Angeles for infras- tructure upgrades to Fairfax Boulevard.
7	49	$1,900,000	5. Of the amount appropriated in this item, $1,900,000 shall be available to the City of Los Angeles for Transit Rider and Pedestrian Safety Improvements.
7	49	$380,000	6. Of the amount appropriated in this item, $380,000 shall be avialable to Foothill Transit for development and implementation of a hydrogyn transit bus retrofit pilot program.
7	49	$1,000,000	3. Of the amount appropriated in this item, $1,000,000 shall be available to the City of Ontario for improve- ments to Euclid Avenue.
8	49	$500,000	13. Of the amount appropriated in this item, $500,000 shall be available to the City of Wildomar for heavy equipment to increase production and capability of asphalt paving and repairs.
8	49	$10,000,000	16. Of the funds appropriated in this item, $10,000,000 shall be available to the City of Montclair, in San Bernardino County, for rail capital project develop- ment activities connecting the cities of Montclair and Pomona.
11	49	$4,500,000	15. Of the amount appropriated in this item, $4,500,000 shall be available to Mundo Gardens for the Reconnecting Southeast San Diego and National City High- ways 2 Boulevards Program.

Legislation Language

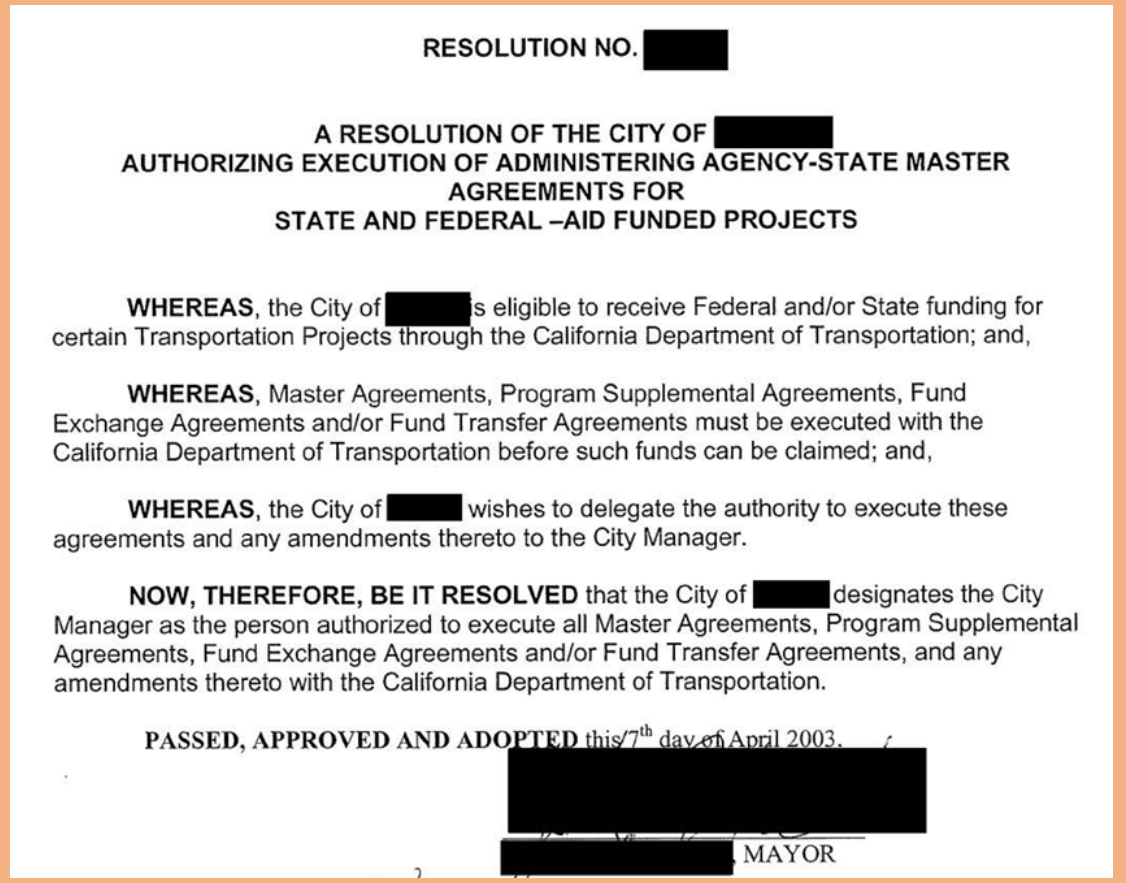
*"Notwithstanding any other law, a designated state entity administering an allocation pursuant to this section may provide the allocation as an **advance lump sum payment**, and the **allocation may be used to pay for costs incurred prior to the effective date** of the act adding this paragraph."*

Caltrans' Approach

- An FTA is the agreement necessary to transfer funds to Local Agencies
- Resolution must be on file. Gives the person signing the FTA the authority to do so.
- Identify *project description and project scope* in the FTA
- Allocate as an upfront lump sum
- Assume project will be audited in the future
- Annual and Project Close Out reporting requirements

Resolution

- The Resolution gives the person signing the FTA the authorization to do so.
- Sample Resolution at the PBLP website.



RESOLUTION NO. [redacted]

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF [redacted]
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ADMINISTERING AGENCY-STATE MASTER AGREEMENTS FOR
STATE AND FEDERAL –AID FUNDED PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the City of [redacted] is eligible to receive Federal and/or State funding for certain Transportation Projects through the California Department of Transportation; and,

WHEREAS, Master Agreements, Program Supplemental Agreements, Fund Exchange Agreements and/or Fund Transfer Agreements must be executed with the California Department of Transportation before such funds can be claimed; and,

WHEREAS, the City of [redacted] wishes to delegate the authority to execute these agreements and any amendments thereto to the City Manager.

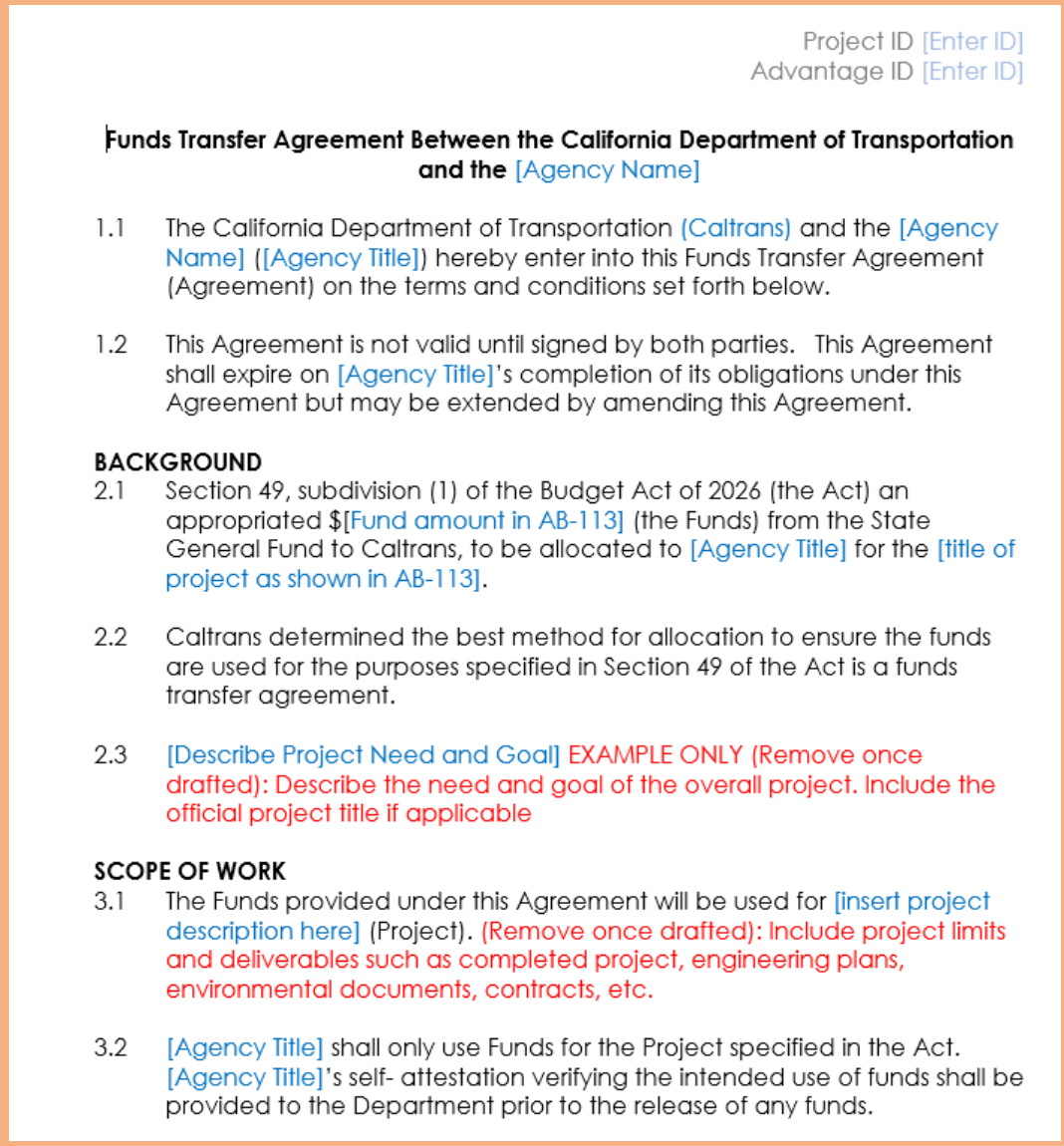
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of [redacted] designates the City Manager as the person authorized to execute all Master Agreements, Program Supplemental Agreements, Fund Exchange Agreements and/or Fund Transfer Agreements, and any amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of April 2003.

[redacted], MAYOR

Funds Transfer Agreement

- **Project ID and Advantage ID** - Provided by District
- **Sec. 2.1** – Project Title - As shown in legislation
- **Section 2.3** – Describe the project and need
- **Section 3.1** – Scope of Work. These are the deliverables. Include project limits and all areas where funds will be spent.



Project ID [Enter ID]
Advantage ID [Enter ID]

Funds Transfer Agreement Between the California Department of Transportation and the [Agency Name]

1.1 The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the [Agency Name] ([Agency Title]) hereby enter into this Funds Transfer Agreement (Agreement) on the terms and conditions set forth below.

1.2 This Agreement is not valid until signed by both parties. This Agreement shall expire on [Agency Title]'s completion of its obligations under this Agreement but may be extended by amending this Agreement.

BACKGROUND

2.1 Section 49, subdivision (1) of the Budget Act of 2026 (the Act) an appropriated $[Fund amount in AB-113] (the Funds) from the State General Fund to Caltrans, to be allocated to [Agency Title] for the [title of project as shown in AB-113].

2.2 Caltrans determined the best method for allocation to ensure the funds are used for the purposes specified in Section 49 of the Act is a funds transfer agreement.

2.3 [Describe Project Need and Goal] EXAMPLE ONLY (Remove once drafted): Describe the need and goal of the overall project. Include the official project title if applicable

SCOPE OF WORK

3.1 The Funds provided under this Agreement will be used for [insert project description here] (Project). (Remove once drafted): Include project limits and deliverables such as completed project, engineering plans, environmental documents, contracts, etc.

3.2 [Agency Title] shall only use Funds for the Project specified in the Act. [Agency Title]'s self- attestation verifying the intended use of funds shall be provided to the Department prior to the release of any funds.

Deadlines

- Encumbrance and Expenditure deadlines set in legislation.
- There are *no deadlines* to spend the funds *once the Local Agencies have received the funds*.
  - Encumbrance deadlines in the FTA is satisfied once the FTA is executed and the Expenditure deadline is satisfied once the local agency receives their funds.

FUNDING, COSTS, COST LIMITATION, & PAYMENT

4.1 The Funds will be encumbered within 2 days of the effective date of this Agreement. Funds must be encumbered by June 30, 2027, and expended by June 30, 2029, or the funds will revert to the State's General Fund by operation of law. The June 30, 2027, deadline is satisfied once the funds have been encumbered, and the June 30, 2029, deadline is satisfied once the [Agency Title] receives the funds as an advanced lump sum.

2026 PLBP Funds Deadlines

- Encumbrance: June 30, 2027,
- Expenditure: June 30, 2029,

- Must execute the FTA by April 30, 2027

Invoice

- Submitted for the entire amount
- Special PLBP Invoice template provided by Accounting
- Modified LAPM 5-A
- Submit invoice once FTA is executed
- Template and Instruction on the PLBP website

Allocation Process

District Local Assistance Engineer (DLAE)

- Creates Project in LP2000, Project ID and AMS Advantage ID
- Works with Agencies to complete the Funds Transfer Agreement
- Reviews agreement for completeness and forwards to HQ Program Manager
- Reviews Invoice and forwards to Local Programs Accounting
- Reviews Annual Report and forwards to HQ
- Reviews Closeout Report and forwards to HQ

Allocation Process

Local Public Agency

- Works with the District Local Assistance Engineer (DLAE) and HQ to finalize the FTA
  - Signs FTA
  - Submits Resolution to HQ
- Submits Invoice to the DLAE
- Submits Annual Report to the DLAE
- Submits Final Completion Report to DLAE

Allocation Process

Headquarters Local Assistance

- Provide FTA template.
- Coordinate meetings with HQ, District Contact & Agency representative to resolve issues, answer questions & finalize the FTA on the Agency Side.
- Reviews draft FTA
- Coordinate final execution of FTA and encumbrance for funds
- Reviews Invoice
- Reviews Annual Report
- Reviews Closeout Report
- Interacts with Legislative Sponsors through Leg. Affairs

Process

- Agree to FTA language
- FTA to Local Programs Accounting for Certification
- FTA to Local Agency for signature
- FTA to Caltrans for signature
- FTA back to Local Programs Accounting for Encumbrance
- Local Agency submits Invoice and receives funds as lump sum
- Local Agency submits Annual Report
- Local Agency submits Closeout Report

PLBP Website

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Guidelines and Procedures

- Priority Legislative Budget Projects Office Bulletin (Guidelines)
- Roles & Responsibilities
- Allocation Process

Resources

- FAQs
- Caltrans DLAE List
- Power Point Presentation

Forms

- Funds Transfer Agreement OCT-25
- Sample PLBP Resolution
- LAPM5A PLBP Invoice Template
- Directions for completing PLBP invoice
- Download Invoice Form LAPM 5-A, here

PLBP Website

Projects

- 2021 AB170
- 2022 AB179
- 2023 AB102
- 2024 AB157
- 2025 AB102
- 2026 AB113

Close Out Process

- PLBP Project Closeout Process
- LAPM Exhibit 17-M

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Questions



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- District Local Assistance Engineers: DLAE List