If final FHWA PL or FTA 5303 allocations are higher than the high estimate, the MPO has two options:

1. Increase the programmed amount of FHWA PL and/or FTA 5303 match the final allocations. MPOs will need to program the additional amount via a formal amendment due by May 1st. If the final allocations are released later in the fiscal year, the agency may be allowed to add the additional funding in the Certification of Expenditures (COE) process with prior HQs approval. In this case, the MPO will save its full allocation/Obligation Authority (OA) and the funds will be safe from a rescission. If the MPO is using toll credits to match the affected allocation and the amount of toll credits requested is not sufficient to cover the increase, the MPO will need to use other non-federal match source(s) to accommodate the difference. Refer to section 3.09b of the 2017 Regional Planning Handbook (RPH).

2. Not increase the programmed amount to match the final fiscal year allocations. In this case, the MPO will lose the difference in OA (Final Allocation vs Programmed amount below final allocation) and any unprogrammed funds may be subject to a Federal rescission. The MPO may request to use the unprogrammed amount in a subsequent fiscal year by submitting a justification to Erin Thompson in HQs Regional Planning. The request will be forwarded to the Caltrans Office of Federal resources for review and approval for the August OA re-distribution. If approved, the MPO could program the funding. If denied, the MPO will not be able to use the unprogrammed OA.

If final FHWA PL or FTA 5303 allocations are lower than the MPOs programmed fiscal year allocations:

The MPO will need to reduce its programmed allocations to the final FY allocation amount. This also means that the amount of local match needed will be reduced proportionately.