

Discussion Summary

California Local HSIP Advisory Committee Meeting

March 28, 2024, 1:00pm – 3:30 pm

Via Webex

Attendees:

Simrit Dhillon, Richard Ke, Robert Peterson, Angel Araiza, Mirna Beshay Tadrous, Maria Bhatti, Blossom Scott-Heim, Michael Casas, Dennis Acuna, Emily Kaplan, Mallory Atkinson, Kelly Mar, Panos Kokkas, Rafael Cobian, Tom Mattson, Colleen Vidinoff, Dale Benson, Shelly Quan

Kings County: Mitchel Cabrera

Los Angeles County: Elie Behnam, Masashi Tsujii, Omar Moheize

City of Manteca: Somporn Boonsalat

City of Orange: G Hayes, Karl Schmidt, Larry Tay

City of Sacramento: James Kragh, Jesse Gothan

Tehama County: Jon McClain

Item 1. Welcome and Committee Updates

- Welcome extended to all attendees, roll call taken, and agenda reviewed.

Item 2. Project Time Extension Requests:

- Kings County (1 project);
- Los Angeles County (1 project);
- Manteca (1 project);
- Orange (1 project);
- Sacramento (2 projects); and
- Tehama County (1 project).

Staff from the above local agencies presented and time extensions were requested.

Item 3: Committee Updates

Robert gives some updates:

- FHWA is hosting a workshop May 1-2, requesting rural agencies to participate. Some of the counties have been asked to attend. The workshop focuses on reducing rural roadway departures. It is part of FHWA's Every Day Counts (EDC) initiative. Robert, Panos, Blossom, and Daniel will be attending as well as other States.
- Robert refers to the state of Washington for compact roundabout information. Robert will coordinate to have a webinar at the end of May. With the help of LTAP, John Lu will

explain the updates on the ICE policy. The design folks will come in and go over requirements.

- Chiu Liu is now in District 10 at the Stockton office. The position is being backfilled.

Item 4: Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Update (Maria)

- Round 2 of SS4A Grants
 - 74 Awards for FY23
 - 67 Planning and Demonstration Grants
 - 7 Implementation Project Grants
 - Over 190 million for this round
- Round 3 of SS4A Grants
 - 3 deadlines:
 - April 4, 2024, 1st deadline for Planning and Demonstration Grants
 - May 16, 2024, 2nd deadline for Planning and Demonstration Grants and deadline for Implementation Project Grants
 - August 29, 3rd, Final deadline for Planning and Demonstration Grants
- April 9, 2024, California Webinar for the Agencies awarded FY 23 Planning and Demonstration Grants. Caltrans is invited to speak on behalf of the state side. Robert and Nagi will speak.
- Rafael asks what percentage of SS4A applications got awarded. Maria does not have specific numbers however explains Implementation Project Grants are more competitive than Planning and Demonstration Grants. Rafael explains he has a role to help smaller agencies get funding. Maria points out FHWA has put out Community of Practice, peer exchange that the agencies can get involved and networking way to help better applications for these grants. Robert mentions Caltrans is working on something similar with a university.
- Thomas explains District 1 has a position whose job is to help local agencies write grants applications. Robert explains to check with DLA to see if there is someone there to help.

Item 5. Safety Project Delivery Status, OA Update, and HR3 and VRU obligations (Richard)

1. Funding use in FFY 23-24 (as of 3/22/2024)

Federal funds: \$7.5 million. Breakdown below:

- HRRR Special Rule funding YS60: \$6.1 million (\$17.6 million available - \$6.1 million obligated = \$11.5 million to go). We have a list of HRRR projects and need follow up.
- VRU Special Rule funding YS70: \$8.4 million (\$41.1 million available statewide. State HSIP will use the majority).
- Other HSIP Program Codes: -\$6.9 million (mostly de-obligations at close-out of old HSIP projects).

State funds: \$32.9 million allocated to projects.

2. Safety Project Delivery Status

65 projects red-flagged as of 3/22/2024:

- 37 projects are delayed at PE (all Cycle 11 projects). Not too concerned as for many of them agencies are doing PE in house which do not require federal/state funds.
- 28 projects are delayed at CON, including 7 that requested time extension at this meeting.

Item 6. Cycle 12 Call-for-Projects Discussion

Key dates (subject to change):

- Call announcement: 5/6/2024
- Application deadline: 9/9/2024
- Call-for-projects online webinar: 5/21/2024

Call size: approximately \$300 million:

- \$150 million state funds;
- \$150 million federal funds. We want to use all leftover apportionments for local HSIP.

Smaller projects will be state-funded.

Set-aside categories stay the same as Cycle 11. For bike lane set-aside, will add wayfinding signs and removing obstacles as eligible.

Will add safety countermeasures of a) Speed Safety Cameras; b) adding right turn lane at intersection.

- Local HSIP has left over apportionments:
- OA and Apportionments
 - OA is 92% of apportionment
 - Previously we focused on using up the OA, now we have accumulated 130 million dollars apportionments not used, for these projects we may only Federal Funds to reduce the balance and cannot exchange them.
 - For exchange we need OA and apportionments for a 1:1 ratio.
 - Due to the OA being colorless, March 12, 2024, we use Federal Funds to reduce apportionment balance.
- We will fund smaller projects with State Funds and larger projects with Federal Funds.
- Robert touches on the apportionment balance. There isn't an apportionment leftover statewide, since we share HSIP apportionment with the state side. We keep running balance between the state and local HSIP programs.
- Cycle 12 Set-asides:
 - Categories are same as cycle 11. May adjust Set-asides amounts:
 - Last cycle

- 12 million for Guardrail Upgrades
 - 15 million for Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements
 - 2 million for Edge Lines
 - 5 million for Bike Safety
 - 2 million Tribes
 - 36 million dollars in total for Cycle 11. For Cycle 12 we will increase some amounts about 25% if needed.
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- Maria asks if roundabouts will be part of the set asides. Robert mentions it will be based on the BCR, but not a set aside.
 - Cycle 12 submittal process: electronic submissions. Once submitted an electronic confirmation will be sent out.
 - Concerns about Speed Safety Cameras: Richard clarifies that the projects can only be chosen if the BCR is high enough. Robert clarifies there are 7 agencies, and it still has to meet guidelines to apply for Speed Safety Cameras and in the application there will be a note of requirements.
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 - Richard Clarifies the 7 cities to be:
 - San Francisco
 - Long Beach
 - San Jose
 - Los Angeles
 - Oakland
 - Glendale

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.

Next Meeting:

May 23rd, 2024 from 1:00pm-3:30pm