

**Answers to chat box questions
from Cycle 8 HSIP call-for-projects webinar on 5/19/16:**

Q1: If we do have a delayed project and the Delivery Commitment Form needs to be submitted when should that be turned in and how soon would we find out after submitting that form whether or not we can continue with the HSIP Cycle 8 application process?

A1: The Delivery Commitment Form should be submitted as soon as possible. You should be notified whether or not the extension has been approved within two weeks. If an extension is approved by 8/12/16 (due date of Cycle 8 applications), your agency is eligible to apply for Cycle 8 HSIP funds, unless your agency still has other unresolved HSIP project delays.

Q2: Where is the influence area for CMs defined in the Caltrans Safety Manual?

A2: Please refer to the notes regarding Crash Data in Appendix A of the application form instructions (Page No. 17).

Q3: will you be defining how to determine the countermeasure influence area? Our agency is looking for funding a bike/ped path which will take bike/ped off a number of parallel roadways. Is there a distance we can use from the location of the bike/ped trail that we can use to estimate collision reduction benefit?

A3: This needs to be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Q4: I don't see constructing a separated bike path as a countermeasure. Santa Cruz County is the worst in the state for the number of bicycling collisions. A separated bike facility would bring significantly more benefit than bike lanes on a high traffic volume roadway

A4: Countermeasure R37 - Install sidewalk/pathway (to avoid walking along roadway) can be used.

Q5: Will soft costs related to survey and design be counted as matching funds?

A5: Normally the local agency's costs related to survey and design are used to match for the same phase (i.e. PE). If you want to use the local agency's PE costs to match for the construction phase, please refer to Chapter 3 of the LAPM – 3.8 Tapered Match (<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/lam/lapm.htm>).

Q6: And will indirect costs be applicable to matching funds?

A6: Please refer to Chapter 5 of the LAPM – 5.3 Reimbursable Project Costs (<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/lam/lapm.htm>).

Q7: Are the set-aside programs no match?

A7: Projects under the funding set-asides for “guardrail upgrades” and for “crosswalk enhancements at unsignalized locations and/or pedestrian countdown heads at signalized intersections” are eligible to have a 100% federal reimbursement ratio.

Q8: So, for cycle 8 are RFAs for PE due by Sept 30, 2017?

A8: This is correct per the current HSIP delivery requirements (http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/HSIP/delivery_status.htm).

Q9: Who do we contact if we have further questions about the new calculations?

A9: Please contact your DLAE (<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/dlae.htm>) if you have questions regarding the calculations or other questions.