

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Action Item

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Subject: **FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 LUMP SUM ALLOCATION FOR LOCAL ASSISTANCE
STATE FUNDS
RESOLUTION FM-15-02, AMENDING RESOLUTION FM-14-03**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve an increase of \$10,000,000 for the Department's Division of Local Assistance's state subvention allocation for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16, contingent upon the Department of Finance's (DOF's) approval of the budget revision.

ISSUE:

The Department is requesting to increase the Local Assistance state lump sum allocation by \$10,000,000 for the Systemic Safety Analysis Report (SSAR) program, which will increase the FY 2015-16 allocation from \$106,078,000 to \$116,078,000.

BACKGROUND:

A Budget Revision is being concurrently submitted to DOF to increase Budget Act Item 2660-102-0042(1) by \$10 million in FY 2015-16 from \$106,078,000 to \$116,078,000 for implementation of the SSAR program. The intent of the SSAR Program is to assist local agencies in performing a collision analysis, to identify safety issues on their roadway networks, and to develop a list of systemic low-cost counter measures that will be used to prepare for future federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) applications.

The SSAR program is being funded by reducing \$10 million from the local federal HSIP in exchange for an increase of \$10 million from the State Highway Account (see book item 2.5h.). The Department endeavors to use the State Highway Account to encourage underserved agencies to participate in the HSIP program. Since the underserved local agencies do not have enough staff and expertise to administer the federal funding and identify eligible HSIP projects, it will be less cumbersome to use State funds.

The Department’s Local Assistance Program administers the subvention budget under delegated authority from the Commission. The Commission provides annual lump sum allocations consistent with each Fiscal Year’s State Budget Act.

The guidelines for allocating, monitoring, and auditing of funds for Local Assistance projects are set forth in Commission Resolution G-99-25, which is based on Section 14529.1 of the California Government Code. Commission Resolution G-01-08 delegates the authority to the Department to adjust allocations between categories, and the Department reports to the Commission if transfers in or out of an expenditure category exceed 10 percent of its allocation.

RESOLUTION:

Resolved, that \$10,000,000 be allocated from the Budget Act of 2015, Budget Act Item 2660-102-0042(1), in accordance with the table below, bringing the FY 2015-16 Local Assistance state total lump sum allocation to \$116,078,000 contingent upon the Department of Finance’s approval on the budget revision.

LUMP SUM ALLOCATION
FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 FUNDS FOR LOCAL ASSISTANCE
 (Dollars in Thousands)

| | State | Revised State | Federal | Total |
|--|----------------------|------------------|---------|------------------|
| <u>2660-102-0042(1)</u> | | | | |
| Surface Transportation Program (STP) State Match and Exchange | \$ 57,849 | \$57,849 | | \$57,849 |
| Bridge Inspection | 735 | 735 | | 735 |
| Railroad Grade Separations | 15,000 | 15,000 | | 15,000 |
| Railroad Grade Crossing Maintenance | 3,765 | 3,765 | | 3,765 |
| Miscellaneous Unassigned Local Programs | 3,250 | 3,250 | | 3,250 |
| Freeway Service Patrol | 25,479 | 25,479 | | 25,479 |
| Systemic Safety Analysis Report Program | 0 | 10,000 | | 10,000 |
| Total Local Programs | \$106,078 | \$116,078 | | \$116,078 |