

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Transportation Commission

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SUBJECT: Program Distribution for the Statewide Plan (SWP) and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Purpose: Based on input from the December Commission discussion on Program Distribution, present alternatives for assignment of funds to programs. Obtain direction on a scenario for Commission adoption in February for use in SWP and STIP development.

Action Requested: Direction on Program Distribution scenario to present for Commission adoption in February.

Executive Summary: Based on November commission workshop discussions, staff assigned the funds that will be available based on the reduction/retirement of debt service payments on the Transbonds to the asset management category. At the December Commission workshop, staff was directed to assign available funds to the PD 14 objectives for Maintenance, Surface Treatment and Bridge first and then consider other categories. The current policy direction can be summarized as follows:

Policy Direction:

1. Direct funds available from Transbond debt service retirement to Asset Management
2. Fund PD 14 objectives for Maintenance, Surface Treatment and Bridge first and then identify options for any remaining funds.
3. Provide for Transportation Commission flexibility to meet future needs

Attachment A shows the FY 15 baseline and a scenario that funds asset management with Transbond retirement funds first and then other variance funds as needed to meet PD 14 objectives for Maintenance, Surface Treatment and Bridge (note that there are remaining debt service funds in years 2018-2020 but then other variance funds are needed for asset management starting in 2021).

Background: Information on state and federal requirements for the Plan were included in the December packet to Commission along with the explanation of the assumptions in the FY 15

baseline scenario (SWP committee pages 1-31). Program Distribution is for fiscal years 2016-2040 with emphasis on the first 10 years of 2016-2025.

Program Distribution is a part of the Statewide Plan and outlines the assignment of projected revenues to various program areas for the time period of the Statewide Plan (FY 2016-FY 2040). Program Distribution also identifies the program fund levels that will be used in developing the next Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which begins with FY 2016. Revenues for Program Distribution are based on the Baseline Revenue Projection for the 2040 Statewide Plan adopted by the TC on April 18, 2013. In the FY 15 Baseline, federal revenues peak in 2025 and decline each year following. SB 228 revenue is projected in years 2016-2020. Based on the adopted revenue projections, a positive variance exists only in years 2018 to 2024.

Program Distribution reflects Commission policy by assigning funding levels to categories. The assignments illustrate for our planning partners and the public the intended emphasis areas given projected revenue expectations.

In order to assign remaining funds (debt service and variance), questions to be addressed are as follows:

Policy Questions:

1. Do you want to emphasize asset management? i.e. assign some or all of available funds to asset management? (System Preservation/Maintain)
2. Do you want to emphasize system performance? i.e. assign some or all of available funds to TSM&O? (Maximize)
3. Do you want to emphasize flexibility? i.e. assign some or all of available funds to TC contingency to meet needs identified in the future.

Next Steps: SWP committee recommendation on assignment of available funds. Based on direction, staff will prepare a fiscally constrained Program Distribution for Commission adoption in February that will be used for Statewide Plan and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) development.