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November 25, 2015

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Dear Mr. Chapman:

Congratulations! The following project(s), which you submitted for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 7 funding, have(s) been selected for implementation:

Unique Project ID: HSIP7-05-001

Original Application ID: 05-Monterey County-1

Agency Name: Monterey County

MPO: AMBAG

Location of Work: Various locations throughout the county.

Description of Work: Conduct a Roadway Safety Signing and Striping Audit on approximately 250 miles of County roads. Based on the audit findings replace or relocate existing signs, install new signs, and replace existing striping with detail 22 where warranted.

HR3 Eligible: No

Project Cost: \$3,222,200

Federal Funds: \$3,222,200

To view the complete statewide project listing, please visit the HSIP website at:
http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/HSIP/prev_cycle_results.htm.

In Cycle 7, 182 projects were selected from a pool of 213 applications. All projects competed based on their Benefit Cost Ratio and properly proposed traffic safety countermeasures set forth in the Call for Projects. The selected HSIP projects, totaling \$160.8 million, will utilize the available HSIP programming capacity in the 2016 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (FSTIP).

While Caltrans congratulates you on competing successfully for HSIP funding, your agency is expected to expedite the delivery of this safety project(s) wherever practical. For all HSIP projects, Caltrans now requires agencies to meet the following three key delivery deadlines:

1. The deadline for Request Authorization to Proceed with Preliminary Engineering (PE) is September 30, 2016
2. The deadline for Request Authorization to Proceed with Construction (CON) is September 30, 2019
3. FTIP funding for a Cycle-7 project will be de-obligated unless the CON for the project is authorized on or before January 1, 2021

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Caltrans will track the delivery of these selected HSIP projects and prepare a quarterly report showing the delivery performance of each project, and this quarterly report will be posted at the website:

http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/HSIP/delivery_status.htm

Projects that miss milestones per the HSIP guidelines will be flagged in these reports. If an agency has a flag for late CON authorization, Caltrans will not accept HSIP applications from the agency during future open cycle 'call for projects' unless the flag is removed with an agreeable and acceptable future project CON date.

The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) will be informed of each project being approved for funding. Caltrans Headquarters (HQ) staff will work with AMBAG to include each project in their next FSTIP Amendment. It is your agency's responsibility to track your Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO's) FSTIP Amendments to confirm the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approval of your project. Then, your agency may submit a request for authorization (RFA) to begin reimbursable work on the project in accordance with federal-aid project implementation procedures.

Your agency is encouraged to finish your non-reimbursable efforts of completing activities and preparing documents required for your first RFA to proceed with your project. These efforts can and should begin now in anticipation of your project(s) being included in approved FSTIP. Please contact Reinie Jones at (805) 542-4686 or at reinie.jones@dot.ca.gov to arrange for an on-site field review to evaluate and assess the entire scope of the safety project. A field review form can be found in the Local Assistance Procedures Manual or at the HQ Local Assistance Division website: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/lam/lapm.htm>.

Given that HSIP safety projects are lump-sum programmed in the FSTIP, it is expected that one or more phases of a project delivery schedule may not match the FFY in the FSTIP. When this occurs, local agencies should file the RFA using the Expedited Project Selection Procedure. More information about the EPSP procedures for delivering HISP safety projects can be found at the HQ Local Assistance Division website: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/HSIP/delivery_status.htm.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact Heidi Borders at 805-542-4690, or at heidi_borders@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Garin Schneider
District Local Assistance Engineer

c: AMBAG