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March 10, 2017

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Dear Mr. Saavedra:

Congratulations! The following projects you submitted for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 8 funding have been selected for implementation:

Application ID	Location	Description of Work	Project Cost	Federal Funds
05-Monterey County-1	Various locations along Carmel Valley Road, Carpenteria Road, Outlook Drive, Laureles Grade, Old Stage Road, Reservation Road, and San Juan Road.	Upgrade existing guardrails.	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000
05-Monterey County-2	Intersections of Castroville Boulevard at Elkhorn Road (in the community of Castroville) and Rio Road at Via Nona Marie (in the community of Carmel Valley).	Install pedestrian activated overhead beacon and streetlights; Install rectangular rapid flashing beacons.	\$ 244,500	\$ 244,500

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To view the complete statewide project listing, please visit the HSIP website at: <u>http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/HSIP/prev\_cycle\_results.htm</u>.

In HSIP Cycle 8, 225 projects were selected from a candidate pool of 247 applications. These projects are selected for funding either based on the statewide Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR), or under the set-asides for guardrail upgrades and crosswalk enhancements/pedestrian countdown heads. The selected HSIP projects, totaling \$216.9 million, will be programmed in the 2017 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (FSTIP).

## So what is next?

1. <u>Program new HSIP projects into the FSTIP:</u>

The Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) will be informed of the projects being approved for funding, and the MPOs will program these projects in their FSTIP. Please note that it is your agency's responsibility to check with your MPO to confirm when the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has approved the programming of your projects. At that time your agency may submit a request for authorization (RFA) to begin reimbursable work on the project in accordance with federal-aid project implementation procedures.

While waiting for the projects to be programmed into the FSTIP, your agency is encouraged to prepare documents required for your first Request for Authorization to Proceed (E-76) with your first phase of work. For more details regarding project implementation, please review the Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM) at <a href="http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/lam/lapm.htm">http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/lam/lapm.htm</a>.

- 2. Deliver your HSIP projects and meet the delivery milestones per requirements:
  - For HSIP Cycle 8 projects, the following delivery milestones are required:
  - The milestone of E-76 with Preliminary Engineering is met by September 30, 2017; and
  - The milestone of E-76 with Construction is met by December 31, 2019.

Caltrans will track the delivery of these HSIP projects. For delivery reports, consequence of not meeting the delivery requirements, exceptions, time extensions and other details, please visit <u>http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/HSIP/delivery\_status.htm.</u>

## **Important: Use EPSP to deliver the projects**

Key: Local agencies can and should use the Expedited Project Selection Procedures (EPSP) to deliver their HSIP projects in advance of the FSTIP program year.

Given that a HSIP safety project is programmed in the FSTIP as lump-sum (i.e. not programmed by phases), it is quite often that the actual year of one or more phases will be different from the program year in the FSTIP. When this occurs, local agencies are allowed and encouraged to request for E-76s in any year, using the Expedited Project Selection Procedures (EPSP). The fact that a local HSIP project is not programmed in a given year should NOT hinder the local agency from requesting for authorization in that year, if the local agency is ready to start the work for a project phase. This understanding is especially important in meeting the delivery requirements of the local HSIP projects. For the specifics of using the EPSP, please visit http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/HSIP/delivery\_status.htm.

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If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at (805) 542-4606

Sincerely,

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