

**2016 Earmark Repurposing Workshop Kickoff Meeting
April 14th, 2016**

Minutes

Introductions and Welcome from Ray Zhang & Kome Ajise

- Three main objectives:
 - Maximize funds in California...don't lose money!
 - What do we need to do? Establish and understand the process
 - Come up with ideas given the rules...how can we make this work?
- Workgroup has been established (see handout)

Project Lists

- Less than 10% obligated (<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/earmark/index.htm>)
 - Some funding not allocated (funds not in FMIS)
 - \$119 million unobligated balance per FHWA
 - \$109 million remaining OA balance...potential amount available for repurposing
- Greater than 10% obligated (<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/earmark/index.htm>)
 - \$559 million unobligated balance per FHWA
 - \$283 million remaining OA balance

Comparison of Less than 10% Obligated vs. More than 10% Obligated (handout)

- Eligibility Requirements
 - Less than 10% obligated – none
 - Greater than 10% obligated – project must be closed in FMIS
- Number of earmarks
 - Less than 10% obligated – 95
 - Greater than 10% obligated – 520
- Earmarks with less than \$100 OA
 - Less than 10% obligated – 0
 - Greater than 10% obligated – 297 = \$453.41
 - Group agreed to focus on earmarks over \$1,000.00 only
- As of today only a small portion are closed in FMIS
 - \$25 million available, potentially \$30 million once action is taken to close in FMIS

Deadlines / Timetable (handout)

- Identification of projects not to be included on the repurposing list due to Caltrans from the Regions – May 6th
- Final Report of Expenditures (FROE) to the districts – May 30th
- Repurposing only good this year
- Local list due to Caltrans – August 1st
- Caltrans list due to FHWA – August 30th
- FHWA deadline for repurposing – September 12th

Misc

- Do projects have to be in the FTIP for repurposing? No. For obligation? Yes
- PE over 10 expectation doesn't go away. Think about repayment now (\$1.2 million)

- 50 mile rule (can't be in a different state but in different county is okay)
- STP eligible and within 50 miles

Recommendations

- Focus on larger projects!!
- Identify opportunities early
- Exchanging of funds between regions
- Educate project sponsors
- Give 1st right of refusal within reason...show a plan
- Update the Caltrans repurposing webpage
- Caltrans needs to get the word out

Follow-up Items

- Does the reimbursement rate stay the same?
- Possible options to check:
 - Internal swapping: exchanging of funds between regions??
 - Exchanging state funds??