



Funding Update | November 6, 2009

November 10th Senate Transportation Committee Hearing Cancelled

The Senate Transportation and Housing Committee, which had planned to hold an informational hearing on November 10 focused on exploring funding options for transit operations, has cancelled the hearing. We will keep you informed of any new developments.

Update on PTMISEA Program Status

Caltrans has informed us that the October bond sales were not enough to cover PTMISEA requests, and that another small sale in November will not likely fund any PTMISEA projects either. There are 108 projects totaling \$90.4 million that have been identified as approved projects for the FY 08/09 Cycle 2 bond sale which are on hold.

Remaining FY 07/08 and FY 08/09 funds

After this cycle, there is \$61.5 m left from the FY 07/08 and FY 08/09 appropriations that need to be allocated by June 30, 2010. Based on speculation that there would only be one bond sale this year, Caltrans had asked project sponsors with remaining 07/08 and 08/09 funds to submit their allocation requests by November 1st. Due to the shortfall in the ability to sell bonds, this date will get likely get pushed out until late March.

Semi-Annual progress reports

It is important to submit your reports by the deadline and show progress on your projects in order to fight for the limited share of bond funds available. At least 21 projects of the 205 FY 07/08 projects show 0% progress. Semi-annual reports were due August 15th. Without these reports, the annual report to the legislature will not have the most up-to-date information. The list of non-complying agencies are posted on the Division of Mass Transportation (DMT) website. The next Semi-Annual reports are due February 15, 2010. This includes the 08/09 Cycle 1 projects that recently received funding. These reports can also be found on the DMT's website: www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/

Revisions to PTMISEA Program

Caltrans will be making revisions to the PTMISEA program due to the recently passed AB 1072 (Eng) [Chapter 271, Statutes of 2009] and AB 672 (Bass) [Chapter 463, Statutes of 2009]. Pursuant to AB 1072, the State Controller's Office will compute the formula for the full amount to each project sponsor for the remainder of the bond. Each sponsor will then submit a plan for how they intend to use the remaining funds before they can request an allocation of FY 09/10 or later funds. Caltrans will distribute the template for this plan to sponsors once the allocation amounts from the Controller are known. Caltrans is developing an annual update process, as well as the process by which sponsors are allowed to loan their funds to other sponsors.

AB 672 allows Letters of No Prejudice (LONP). An agency may begin work on an approved project prior to receiving their allocation of bond funds. However, an approved LONP does not give priority for allocation. Caltrans is drafting an update to the PTMISEA guidelines now to comply with AB 1072 and AB 672. Association staff is working with Caltrans on developing the guidelines.

We will keep you apprised of any further PTMISEA updates.

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