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FROM: FRANK FLORES 
EXECUTIVE OFFICER, REGIONAL CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

SUBJECT: **AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA)
LOCAL AND STATE HIGHWAY FUNDS SAVINGS EXCHANGE
WITH SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM LOCAL
FUNDS (STPL)**

As discussed in our November 18, 2009 correspondence, we successfully obligated some remaining ARRA-RSTP bid savings balances for some jurisdictions on the Interstate 5 North High Occupancy Vehicle Lane project, as shown in Attachment A. We are now reimbursing only those jurisdictions whose December 2009 requests to us were confirmed by Caltrans Headquarters. Some other December 2009 requests were not confirmed by Caltrans Headquarters in sufficient time to participate in the first round reimbursement program, as shown on Page 2 of Attachment A.

Those jurisdictions whose December 2009 ARRA-RSTP bid savings balances were not confirmed by Caltrans Headquarters as shown on Page 2 of Attachment A have not been de-obligated and so were not yet available to us to use for the Interstate 5 project. We are continuing to work with Caltrans Headquarters to de-obligate these bid savings and re-obligate them before the final award of the Interstate 5 project. If we are successful in confirming through Caltrans Headquarters that the bid savings can be re-obligated on Interstate 5, we will execute the exchange transactions as originally contemplated.

Other jurisdictions with bid savings discovered since December 10, 2009 also may now be able to participate in our bid savings exchange program, as described herein. All requirements of the original exchange program will apply.

ARRA/STPL EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITY – RESPONSE DUE MARCH 15

We are now offering an additional opportunity to exchange remaining ARRA bid savings with STPL funds for jurisdictions. We believe that this exchange may be possible because ARRA-RSTP savings could be added to the I-5 North HOV at the time of project award. If a jurisdiction wishes to participate in this exchange, they must submit their award package to local Caltrans District 7 offices and inform us that they would like to participate in the exchange by March 15, 2010. Failure to meet this deadline will make it impossible for us to re-obligate funds on the Interstate 5 project. This will be the final opportunity to participate in an exchange before the September 30, 2010 final ARRA Federal obligation deadline.

Please contact Patricia Chen at (213) 922-3041, or chenp@metro.net, or Avital Shavit at (213) 922-7518, or shavita@metro.net immediately, if you would like to participate in the exchange and/or you have any questions regarding this process.

Jurisdictions that have ARRA-RSTP savings, but choose not to participate in an exchange must pursue alternative options to re-obligate (receive an approved e-76) these funds before August 2010. The options include transferring the funds to an existing ARRA project must be approved by CALTRANS and the FHWA. We do not recommend that jurisdictions attempt to initiate a new project to absorb ARRA-RSTP savings due to the difficulties a jurisdiction will encounter when attempting to receive Federal planning/programming clearances on such a tight schedule. ARRA-RSTP funds that are not obligated on a project by Caltrans by September 30, 2010 will be rescinded and returned to the U.S. Treasury.

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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Regional Surface Transportation Program (ARRA-RSTP)

Project Savings

Los Angeles County

Caltrans Headquarters Confirmed the Deobligation of These ARRA-RSTP Funds		
Agency	Project Description	ARRA-RSTP Savings (\$1000)
Artesia	SOUTH ST: JERSEY AVE AND PIONEER BLVD	\$ 118
Bell Gardens	GARFIELD AVE: FLORANCE/LOVELAND LOVELAND: GAR , ASPHALT CONC. OVERLAY AND OTHER IMP	\$ 36
Bell Gardens	FLORANCE AVE:EL SELINDA / EMIL & FLORENCE AVE , ASPHALT CONC OVERLAY AND OTHER IMPR	\$ 176
Burbank	MODERNIZE FOUR TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON BUENA VISTA STREET ANND ON HOLLYWOOD WAY AND INSTALL FIBER OPTIC COMMUNICATIONS ON MAGNOLIA BOULEVARD	\$ 235
Carson	BROADWAY ST: GRIFFITH ST /ALONDRA BLVD, ROAD RECONSTRUCTION	\$ 867
Cerritos	BLOOMFIELD AVE: ARTESIA BLVD TO NORTH CITY LIMIT	\$ 210
Glendale	NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS. CONSTRUCT 3 NEW TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT CENTRAL AVE./MAPLE ST., CHEVY CHASE DR./HARVARD ST., AND WILSON AVE./SINCLAIR AVE. ALL 3 INTERSECTIONS SATISFY THE CALIFORNIA MUTCD WARRANTS AND ARE ON THE TOP OF TH	
Glendale	SOUTH GLENDALE TYPE 2070 TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROLLER CONVERSIONS. REPLACE EXISTING OUTDATED TYPE 170 TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROLLERS WITH NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART TYPE 2070 CONTROLLERS AT 52 SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS IN SOUTHERN PORTION OF GLENDALE. TYPE 2070 CONT	\$ 1,228
Glendale	NORTH GLENDALE TYPE 2070 TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROLLER CONVERSIONS. REPLACE EXISTING OUTDATED TYPE 170 TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROLLERS WITH NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART TYPE 2070 CONTROLLERS AT 100 SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF GLENDALE. TYPE 2070	
Hawaiian Garden	NORWALK BLVD: CARSON ST TO SOUTH CITY LIMIT	\$ 72
La Mirada	LA MIRADA BL: LEFFINGWELL RD TO OAKWOOD LANE	\$ 592
Lynwood	OTIS AVE: IMPERIAL HWY TO ABBOTT ROAD	\$ 83
Malibu	MALIBU CANYON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT; RECONSTRUCTION, SHOULDER IMPROVEMENTS, GUARDRAIL/SAFETY DEVICES AND OVERLAY ALONG MALIBU CANYON ROAD FROM PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY TO CITY LIMITS.	\$ 48
Montebello	VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN CITY OF MONTEBELLO , SIDEWALK AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS .	\$ 349
Norwalk	FRONT ST: SAN ANTONIO DRIVE TO ROSECRANS AVE.	\$ 101
Norwalk	STUDEBAKER ROAD: IMPERIAL HIGHWAY TO ALONDRA BLVD	\$ 416
Santa Clarita	TRAFFIC CIRCULATION AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT NEWHALL AVENUE AND SIERRA HIGHWAY	
Santa Clarita	BRIDGE REHABILITATION FOR VARIOUS BRIDGES.	
Santa Clarita	ASPHALT ROADWAY REHABILITATION PHASE I	
Santa Clarita	ASPHALT ROADWAY REHABILITATION PHASE II.	
Santa Clarita	WHITES CANYON ROAD AT SOLEDAD CANYON ROAD RIGHT TURN POCKET TRAFFIC CIRCULATION & SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS	
TOTAL		\$ 5,325

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Project Savings

Los Angeles County


Caltrans HQ Did Not Confirm the Deobligation of These ARRA-RSTP Funds		
Agency	Project Description	ARRA-RSTP Savings (\$1000)
Arcadia	Santa Anita Ave. from Longden Ave. to Live Oak Ave	\$ 50
Arcadia	Santa Anita Ave. from Foothill Blvd. to Grandview Ave	\$ 16
Covina	Citywide Overlay – Covina Blvd., Cypress Street, Citrus Avenue	\$ 422
Gardena	135TH ST: CRENSHAW BLVD TO VERMONT AVE	\$ 13
Gardena	WESTERN AVE: REDONDO BEACH BLVD TO EL SEGUNDO BLVD	\$ 83
Gardena	135TH ST: CRENSHAW BLVD TO VERMONT AVE	\$ 13
Huntington Park	VARIOUS LOCATIONS	\$ 200
Manhattan Beach	AVIATION BLVD: MARINE AVE TO MANHATTAN BEACH BLVD	\$ 148
Manhattan Beach	VALLEY DRIVE: 15TH STREET TO SEPULVEDA BLVD	\$ 144
Redondo Beach	INGLEWOOD AVE: ARTESIA BLVD TO MANHATTAN BEACH BLVD	\$ 120
South Gate	ATLANTIC AVE: FIRESTONE BLVD TO ABBOTT ROAD	\$ 1,433
West Covina	SUNSET AVE ON LARK ELLEN, ET AL , TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATIONS	\$ 43
West Covina	VARIOUS STREETS CITYWIDE , ROAD REHABILITATION	\$ 84
Lancaster	CONSTRUCTION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND MINOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS AT AVENUE L-8 & 30TH STREET WEST AND AVENUE L & 35TH STREET WEST. REPLACEMENT OF VIDEO DETECTUION UNITS AND CAMERAS AT 32 INTERSECTIONS AND THE REPLACEMENT OF RED TRAFFIC SIGNAL LED LIGHTS CIT	\$ 257
TOTAL		\$ 3,026

**Metro***cc: Anita Navit*

November 18, 2009

**TO: CITY MANAGERS, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTORS, AND
TRANSPORTATION MANAGERS**

**CC: KIRK CESSNA, DISTRICT LOCAL ASSISTANCE ENGINEER,
CALTRANS**

FROM: FRANK FLORES, EXECUTIVE OFFICER 
REGIONAL CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SUBMITTAL OF AWARD PACKAGES TO
CALTRANS AND AMERICAN REINVESTMENT AND
RECOVERY ACT PROJECT SAVINGS**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) have emphasized recently the importance of reporting contract awards, starting work, and invoicing for American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funded projects. This will allow policy makers and the public to see ARRA funds being put to work to generate jobs and strengthen California's case for the need for additional funding, should there be future stimulus or other federal funding opportunities.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) asks that project sponsors submit all Award Packages to Caltrans expeditiously. Please refer to Chapter 15.7 of the Caltrans Local Assistance Manual available online and complete all required checklists and forms. You may also contact Caltrans Local Assistance staff, should you have any questions.

As there may be project savings in cases where bids come in low, and there is not sufficient time for project sponsors to re-obligate the savings, we propose an exchange of ARRA-RSTP fund savings. Specifically, we would use the project sponsors' ARRA-RSTP savings for a regional project and return a commensurate amount of other available replacement funding to the affected project sponsors. We will require that the Award Packages back out all possible local matching funds to be eligible for the exchange. This request and proposed exchange are different from what you may have heard recently. Our new approach is in response to the new direction and emphasis that we have received recently from Caltrans and the FHWA.

For us to meet the Caltrans Local Assistance deadline for submitting our Request for Authorization for the target regional project, determine the amount of countywide project savings, and make the exchange, **project sponsors must submit their Award Packages to Caltrans District 7 by Thursday, December 10, 2009.** If the Award Packages are

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not received by December 10, 2009 at Caltrans District 7 Local Assistance, we will be unable to encumber the savings on a regional project and will be unable to provide the replacement funds at this time. We may consider making a similar arrangement available in January 2010, but as of this writing, we have no alternate project to make this possible.

Should you have questions about the proposed process, you may contact Avital Shavit at (213) 922-7518. Additionally, you may wish to attend the workshop on ARRA project savings that we will be hosting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2009, in the Board Room at our Union Station Gateway Headquarters in downtown Los Angeles.

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