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| **Monday, August 20, 2012 120820-1**  **In this Issue:**   * **Update on $473.4 Million to be Provided by Obama Administration to States for Transportation Infrastructure Projects** |
| **Update on $473.4 Million to be Provided by Obama Administration to States for Transportation Infrastructure Projects**  Last Friday, we reported that the Obama Administration had announced that it would make available $473.4 million in unobligated Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2003 through 2006 highway earmarks to states for transportation infrastructure projects (any eligible highway, transit, passenger rail, or port project). By October 1, 2012, states will need to identify the projects for which they will use the funds, and by December 31, 2012, states will need to obligate those funds. Funds not obligated by the December 31 deadline will be proportionally redistributed in FFY 2013 to states that met the deadline.  From the full list of unobligated and now de-obligated project funding (see <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/pressroom/redisfy0306projects.htm>), we have developed a list of Los Angeles County projects whose $9.1 million in federal earmark funding has been de-obligated (see attachment) and is part of the $43.1 million total of de-obligated funds for the State of California. The Los Angeles County projects and earmarks all were included in the Los Angeles County Transportation Improvement Program that the Board of Directors approved in previous years, and that the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) subsequently reviewed and approved.  The Los Angeles County earmark de-obligations of $9.1 million represent 21.0% of the total California de-obligations, and the total California earmark de-obligations of $43.1 million represent 9.1% of the de-obligations nationwide. No Metro or pass-through sub-recipient funding that we manage and administer has been de-obligated. Metro also is under no obligation to backfill any de-obligated funding.  Again, staff will be working with the State of California (Caltrans) to identify promptly those Los Angeles County ready-to-go transportation infrastructure projects that may use the funds to be made available to the State and obligate them by December 31, 2012. Based on preliminary information, our funding target for such projects may be up to the $9.1 million from the Los Angeles County de-obligations. We are awaiting further project eligibility requirements and funding guidance from Caltrans and FHWA."  Also, just for your information, the two I-405 Widening projects that were on the national/CA list are in Orange County, and not in Los Angeles County. We want to thank staff members Avital Shavit and Toye Oyewole for working on this.  **http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB\_Attachments/120820\_Unobligated\_FY03.06\_Appropriations\_Earmarks%20\_LA%20Co.pdf** | |
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