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**SUBJECT: ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ENSURE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
REMAINS ELIGIBLE FOR POSSIBLE REDISTRIBUTED 2009
AMERICAN REINVESTMENT AND RECOVERY ACT (ARRA) FUNDS**

To remain eligible for any possible redistributed American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)-Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds that might be made available by Caltrans, we are endeavoring to obligate all ARRA-RSTP funds allocated to Los Angeles County within the deadlines that Caltrans has established. Per State law (AB 3x20), ARRA-RSTP funds not obligated by other counties or states may be redistributed by Caltrans, but only to counties that have successfully obligated all of their ARRA-RSTP funds in the first place, including each of the appropriate sub-funds, as described below.

For Los Angeles County to remain eligible for redistributed funding, the following five steps must be successfully completed by each responsible party specifically identified herein:

- **Step 1:** all \$436,357,627 in ARRA-RSTP funds must be obligated, including \$599,888 for the City of Burbank (**Burbank and Caltrans District 7**). For more information, please see Attachment 1;
- **Step 2:** all existing grants must then remain obligated (**Caltrans District 7**). For more information, please see Attachment 2;
- **Step 3:** award savings and any other left-over ARRA-RSTP funds of at least \$8.8 million must be re-obligated to the designated I-5 North project (**Caltrans District 7 & HQ**). For more information, please see Attachment 3;
- **Step 4:** all \$13,540,411 in remaining ARRA-Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) funds must be obligated (**Calabasas, Bellflower, Claremont, El Monte, Long Beach, Montebello and the County of Los Angeles**). For more information, please see Attachment 4; and,
- **Step 5:** All \$53.6 million in rural and smaller Urbanized Area funding must be coded correctly (**Caltrans HQ**) For more information, please see Attachment 5.

Each step is described in the Attachments to this notification, including specific contacts at the responsible agencies. Should you have any questions about the ARRA process in Los Angeles County, please contact David Yale at (213) 922-2469 or yaled@metro.net, or Patricia Chen at (213) 922-3041 or chenp@metro.net.

Step 1: Obligation of ARRA-RSTP Funds

The City of Burbank has not yet received their initial obligation of their ARRA-RSTP funds of \$599,888. They have submitted all required documents to Caltrans District 7 in advance of the December 15, 2009 deadline, and are working with Caltrans District 7 staff to ensure that their request packages are submitted to Caltrans Headquarters by December 31, 2009 as required in the ARRA Local Assistance guidelines.

Contact: Kenneth Johnson, City of Burbank; and Kirk Cessna, Caltrans District 7

Step 2: Ensuring that all Existing Obligations Remain Obligated

Once projects are obligated, local agencies must ensure that all projects proceed properly through the remaining steps of construction, expenditure, reporting, invoicing, review, and audit. For example, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) expects ARRA recipients to award contracts within one hundred days of grant obligation. The FHWA has recently announced that there will be increased monitoring to ensure projects meet this milestone. All local agencies are encouraged to submit Award Packages to Caltrans District 7 in a timely manner and to begin reporting and invoicing as soon as possible following obligation.

The FHWA has also sent a National Review Team for ARRA funds to visit Caltrans and local agencies to ensure that all required steps are being properly followed. There are local agency projects which have been questioned by the National Review Team. Caltrans District 7 staff is working to resolve issues raised by the Team. We have offered our assistance to Caltrans District 7, and we have suggested that we can re-obligate any funds de-obligated, but only if we have proper and timely notification to meet deadlines.

Contacts: Rick Land, Interim District Director, Caltrans District 7 and
Kirk Cessna, Chief, Caltrans District 7 Local Assistance Branch

Step 3: Re-obligation of Award Savings

In addition to ensuring that initial allocations remain obligated, we also must ensure that any project savings identified at the time of award are re-obligated. The MTA contacted ARRA-RSTP project sponsors on November 18, 2009 with an offer to replace any savings reported to District 7 by December 10, 2009 with a commensurate amount of regular RSTP funds, per Board policy. We will do this by working with Caltrans District 7 to adjust the ARRA-RSTP obligation for the I-5 North HOV Lanes project by the amount of the total savings from all agencies.

Agencies that submitted their award package to District 7 by December 10, 2009 and have requested to participate in the exchange are listed in Attachment 3-1. To ensure that we have correctly identified all agencies that have requested the exchange and have met the December 10, 2009 deadline, we request that agencies verify that the information listed for their agency is correct and no projects are missing. **If your agency has corrections to the list, please contact Patricia Chen immediately at (213) 922-3041 or chenp@metro.net and submit detailed correction information by Monday, December 21, 2009.** If we do not hear from you by 5:00 p.m. on that date, we will assume the information in Attachment 3-1 is correct.

Those agencies that have project savings that can be moved to another project within that same agency's ARRA program should work with Caltrans District 7 staff to re-obligate the project savings as soon as possible.

Contact: Kirk Cessna, Chief Caltrans District 7 Local Assistance Branch; and
Mumbie Fredson-Cole, I-5 North Project Manager, Caltrans District 7

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Regional Surface Transportation Program (ARRA-RSTP)
Project Savings
Los Angeles County**

Agency	FTIP Lump Sum ID #	FTIP ID	Project Description	ARRA Savings (\$1000)
Artesia, City of	LAES1	LAES236	SOUTH ST: JERSEY AVE AND PIONEER BLVD	\$ 97
Beverly Hills, City of	LAES1	LAES240	RESURFACING OF APPROXIMATELY 8.1 MILES OF PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL AND MAJOR COLLECTOR STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS. THE AVERAGE AGE OF THE STREETS SELECTED FOR THE PROJECT IS 30 YEARS AND THE PAVEMENT CONDITION INDEX (PCI) AVERAGE IS 55.	\$ 57
Burbank, City of		LAES232	MODERNIZE FOUR TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON BUENA VISTA STREET ANND ON HOLLYWOOD WAY AND INSTALL FIBER OPTIC COMMUNICATIONS ON MAGNOLIA BOULEVARD	\$ 235
Cerritos, City of	LAES1	LAES603	BLOOMFIELD AVE: ARTESIA BLVD TO NORTH CITY LIMIT	\$ 506
Culver City, City of	LAES1	LAES671	GRIND AND OVERLAY 3 INCHES OF ASPHALT ON CULVER BOULEVARD FROM COMMONWEALTH AVENUE TO ELENDA STREET INCLUDING RECONSTRUCTING FAILED ASPHALT AREAS.	\$ 39
Culver City, City of	LAES1	LAES655	WASHINGTON BOULEVARD RESURFACING PROJECT BETWEEN HELMS AVENUE AND LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD.	\$ 50
Gardena, City of	LAES1	LAES065	135TH ST: CRENSHAW BLVD TO VERMONT AVE	\$ 13
Gardena, City of	LAES1	LAES070	WESTERN AVE: REDONDO BEACH BLVD TO EL SEGUNDO BLVD	\$ 83
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Gardena, City of	LAES1	LAES065	135TH ST: CRENSHAW BLVD TO VERMONT AVE	\$ 13
Glendale, City of	LAES1	LAES191	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	\$ 250
Glendale, City of	LAES1	LAES243	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	\$ 351
Glendale, City of	LAES1	LAES528	NORTH GLENDALE TYPE 2070 TRAFFIC	\$ 876

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Hawaiian Garden, City of	LAES1	LAES138	NORWALK BLVD: CARSON ST TO SOUTH CITY LIMIT	\$ 72
Huntington Park, City of	LAES1	LAES291	VARIOUS LOCATIONS	\$ 200
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Inglewood, City of	LAES1	LAES442	MANCHESTER BLVD: ASH AVE TO CRENSHAW BLVD	\$ 427
La Canada Flintridge, City of	LAES1	LAES466	RESURFACING OF VARIOUS CITY STREETS.	\$ 165
La Mirada, City of	LAES1	LAES257	LA MIRADA BL: LEFFINGWELL RD TO OAKWOOD LANE	\$ 592
Lancaster, City of	LAES1	LAES052	CONSTRUCTION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND MINOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS AT AVENUE L & 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
Lynwood, City of	LAES1	LAES222	OTIS AVE: IMPERIAL HWY TO ABBOTT ROAD	\$ 83
Malibu, City of	LAES1	LA0G248	MALIBU CANYON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND	\$ 48
Manhattan Beach, City of	LAES1	LAES520	AVIATION BLVD: MARINE AVE TO MANHATTAN	\$ 247
Manhattan Beach, City of	LAES1	LAESS003	VALLEY DRIVE: 15TH STREET TO SEPULVEDA BLVD	\$ 43
Norwalk, City of	LAES1	LAES444	FRONT ST: SAN ANTONIO DRIVE TO ROSECRANS AVE.	\$ 101
Norwalk, City of	LAES1	LAES453	STUDEBAKER ROAD: IMPERIAL HIGHWAY TO ALONDRA BLVD	\$ 416
Redondo Beach, City of	LAES1	LAES223	INGLEWOOD AVE: ARTESIA BLVD TO MANHATTAN BEACH BLVD	\$ 473
Santa Clarita, City of	LAES1	LAES216	TRAFFIC CIRCULATION AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT NEWHALL AVENUE AND	\$ 23
Santa Clarita, City of	LAES1	LAES220	BRIDGE REHABILITATION FOR VARIOUS BRIDGES.	\$ 184
Santa Clarita, City of	LAES1	LAES196	ASPHALT ROADWAY REHABILITATION PHASE I	\$ 203
Santa Clarita, City of	LAES1	LAES197	ASPHALT ROADWAY REHABILITATION PHASE II.	\$ 258
Santa Clarita, City of	LAES1	LAES209	WHITES CANYON ROAD AT SOLEDAD CANYON ROAD RIGHT TURN POCKET	\$ 771
South Gate, City of	LAES1	LAE3239	ATLANTIC AVE: FIRESTONE BLVD TO ABBOTT ROAD	\$ 1,433
TOTAL SAVINGS				\$ 8,849

Step 4: Obligation of ARRA Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) Funds

The City of Calabasas has not yet obligated an ARRA-TEA grant of \$650,000. They have submitted all required documents to Caltrans District 7 in advance of the December 15, 2009 deadline, and are working with Caltrans District 7 staff to ensure that their request packages are submitted to Caltrans Headquarters by December 31, 2009, as required in the ARRA Local Assistance guidelines.

The following agencies have been allocated \$88,000 each in supplemental ARRA-TEA funds (except Long Beach with \$89,000 due to rounding) which were not successfully obligated by the City of Cerritos:

Bellflower	\$88,000	Long Beach	\$89,000
Claremont	\$88,000	Montebello	\$88,000
El Monte	\$88,000	LA County DPW	\$88,000

These agencies must successfully add the funds to existing projects when submitting award documentation to Caltrans.

Contacts: Tatiana Holden, Calabasas; Gerald Stock, Bellflower; Maria Tipping, Claremont; Cesar Roldan, El Monte; Sumire Gant, Long Beach; Tom Melendrez, Montebello; and, Waqas Rehman, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (DPW).

Step 5: Full Utilization of Rural and Smaller Urbanized Area Funding Codes

The FHWA has allocated funds to the states using a set of codes to direct a certain proportion of ARRA-RSTP funds to rural areas and smaller Urbanized Area's (UZA's). The remainder can be used in any area. All ARRA funds must be used and coded accordingly for Los Angeles County to be eligible to receive ARRA funds not used by other counties.

The agencies listed below are those in Los Angeles County's rural areas or smaller UZA's whose projects will require proper coding:

Rural & Smaller Urbanized Areas	Coded Area	Coded Amount	Any Area	Coded + Any Area
Agoura Hills/Westlake Village	C230	\$891,544	\$298,184	\$1,189,728
Lancaster/Palmdale/Unincorporated	C230	\$5,997,609	\$2,573,280	\$8,570,889
Unincorporated <= 5,000 Pop.	C250	\$1,907,926	\$36,750,309	\$43,873,662*
Unincorporated <=200,000 Pop.	C200	\$5,215,427		
TOTAL		\$14,012,506	\$39,621,773	\$53,634,279

*Caltrans/County of LA DPW will determine the split of these Any Area funds between C250 & C200.

The agencies listed above may be called upon by Caltrans District 7 staff to work with them to re-code their project grants to meet the correct amounts for each Coded Area.

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