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MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: PLAN FOR OBLIGATION OF FUNDS IN FY 2018/19

RECOMMENDATION:

- Report on any federal-aid projects to be obligated in Federal Fiscal Year 2018/19.

DISCUSSION:

Each year Caltrans uses VCTC's project status information to plan its availability of federal funds to approve project authorizations. This year, with the pending federal rescission, it will be very difficult for Caltrans to manage the federal budget authority, called Obligation Authority, so it is critical to provide information on what projects will be requested obligations. VCTC has collected information on CMAQ and STP projects but also should inform Caltrans of any other pending fund obligation requests such as for Bridge or Safety programs. Attached is the current status of STP projects, although VCTC staff is uncertain if any of the listed local projects will actually be submitted to obligate funds.

To provide the necessary information to Caltrans, staff requests that agencies have ready at the Committee meeting the updates to the status of the attached STP projects, and also report on the anticipated month and federal share amount for any projects to be obligated by September from the Bridge, Safety, or old federal Safe Routes to Schools programs.

Normally, projects must be submitted to Local Assistance by June to be obligated during that fiscal year. But this year, due the pending federal rescission, there is a high probability that Caltrans will run out of budget authority at an earlier date, so any project to be obligated this year should be submitted as soon as it possibly can be done.