



DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR'S REPORT – SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

PREPARED FOR APRIL 2, 2014 SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS' BOARD MEETING

NEWSWORTHY

- Caltrans is using more than 700 electronic highway signs to urge Californians to conserve water during the state's severe drought. The message, *Serious Drought Help Save Water*, will be interrupted only for critical emergencies, traffic safety information or Amber Alerts. Caltrans is also doing the following to address the drought:
 - *Reducing irrigation activities by at least 50 percent, including ceasing watering in some areas.*
 - *Delaying all new landscaping projects in severely impacted areas until the next rainy season to preserve water, and postponing all non-essential highway planting.*
 - *Expanding smart irrigation technologies, which turn off automatically during rain and reduce water usage by nearly 60 percent.*
 - *Using recycled water for irrigation and other activities when possible and foregoing washing vehicles except when necessary for safety.*

More information is available at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/paffairs/news/pressrel/14pr018.htm>

- Caltrans recently released the 2013 *State of the Pavement Report*. The document notes that about 16 percent of the state's highway miles (7,820 lane miles) are in *poor* condition, and 12,364 lane miles need low-cost preventative maintenance to sustain *good* condition. The remaining 29,534 lane miles are not distressed at this time. Overall, the report shows the system is improving, and Caltrans will continue to monitor conditions for the 60-year-old highway infrastructure. More information is available at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/maint/Pavement/Pavement_Program/PDF/2013_SOP_FINAL-Dec_2013-1-24-13.pdf
- Caltrans plans to release soon online the preliminary draft of the *California Freight Mobility Plan* for review and comment. Each chapter will be linked to the web site below once they are ready for review. If you would like to be notified as individual chapters are released for review, please email CFAC@dot.ca.gov. More information is available at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/ogm/cfmp.html> .

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

USDOT is offering \$600 million nationwide for the 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grant program. This funding is for road, rail, transit and port projects achieving critical national objectives and having a significant impact on the nation, region or a metropolitan area. Specific criteria are to be announced in the notice of funding availability in the Federal Register. No more than \$150 million may be awarded to projects in a single state. Applications will be accepted beginning *Thursday, April 3, 2014. Final applications must be submitted online by 5 p.m. Monday, April 28, 2014.* More information is available at: <http://www.dot.gov/tiger>.

LOCAL HIGHLIGHT

District 5 Local Assistance invites its local partners to participate in a brief training on the Active Transportation Program (ATP) from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday, April 21, at the District Office, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, Calif. This specialized training will assist potential applicants, partners', and district staff, in producing efficient, effective and timely ATP applications meeting all state and federal requirements.

Please Submit Maintenance Service Requests at the Following Link: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/maint/msrsubmit/>

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