

### What is HBP?

- Has Bad Potholes?
- Horribly Bumpy Pavement?
- Hasn't Been Paved?

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### The Highway Bridge Program (HBP)



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### What is the HBP?

Caltrans Local Assistance (delegated by FHWA) Provides between 88.53% and 100% funding for eligible scopes of work on publicly owned bridges that carry vehicular traffic.



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**Local Assistance Role**

- FHWA Delegation to Caltrans
- Fund Management
  - Includes programming, authorization and helping the local agency with compliance
- Federal Environmental Document (NEPA)
- Right of Way certification



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**FHWA Delegation**



- Caltrans responsible for:
- Programming and Obligating Federal Funds
- Shepherding the NEPA document through the involved federal agencies
- Certifying that the Right of Way process meets all Federal requirements
- Assisting the Local Agency throughout the process

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**FHWA Delegation**



- Local Agency responsible for:
- Identifying and Applying for Project
- Design, Construction and Maintenance
- Final Report to Close out Federal Aid funds

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## How to Get Money for a Bridge

A quick tour of the Local Assistance HBP process.



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## First Step:

Is the Bridge Eligible for Federal Funds?



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## What is Eligible?

- Bridge vs. Culvert
- Bridge Inspection
- Sufficiency Rating
- Functionally Obsolete
- Structurally Deficient



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**Eligible Scopes of Work**

- Replacement & Rehabilitation
- SD or FO flag +  $SR \leq 80$



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**Eligible Scopes of Work**

- Scour, Paint and Preventive Maintenance



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**Once its eligible..**



- Local Agency submits an application to Local Assistance
- Local Assistance Programs the funds (more to come later...)
- The MTIP (or FTIP for Rural Counties) is adopted
- Local Assistance obligates the Federal funds
- The Local Agency is notified that work can begin

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Everything you ever wanted to know about programming HBP funds...

But didn't have a strong enough stomach to ask.

- ⇒ Application
- ⇒ The Statewide list
- ⇒ Regional FTP/MTIP Amendment
- ⇒ Federal Authorization

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Programming... or Why Does this take soooo long?

The Application:  
What You know as LAPG Exhibit 6-A



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Programming...  
The Statewide list

Updated twice a year –

Fall – Major update for new projects & fall surveys

Spring – Mid year corrections



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### Programming... FTIP/MTIP Amendments

- Rural agencies are programmed in the FTIP by Caltrans L.A.
- Urban agencies are programmed in the MTIP by the MPO
- Capacity enhancing projects require formal amendments
- Non-Capacity projects can often use administrative modifications



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### Programming... Federal Authorization

- When funds are available – 4 to 6 weeks  
In HBP list, MTIP and OA is available
- November to March  
Only authorizations in this year's MTIP
- March to July  
First come first served
- July to Mid August  
If you haven't used it, you lose it
- Federal Shutdown

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### Preliminary Design and Environmental

- Agency begins preliminary design
- Field Review is held
- Environmental Studies are identified



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### Once NEPA is complete...



- The Agency can complete final design
- Right of way can be acquired
- Utility Process can begin

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### In order to Advertise...



- The agency must certify to Caltrans that the Plans and Specifications are complete
- Caltrans must certify the Right of Way
- Construction funds must be programmed and authorized on a time line similar to adding a new project.

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### When Construction is Completed...

- The agency must file a final report
- Caltrans must certify that the work was completed



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