

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DIVISION OF LOCAL ASSISTANCE

P.O. BOX 942873, MS-1

SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001

PHONE (916) 653-1776

FAX (916) 654-2409

TTY 711

www.dots.ca.gov

*Flex your power!
Be energy efficient!*

August 20, 2012

To All Cities and Counties in California

Dear Directors:

Under the new federal "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act" (MAP-21), federal funds are available to rehabilitate or replace deficient bridges in California. The purpose of this letter is to request that your agency review your inventory of public highway bridges that potentially need replacement, rehabilitation, or preventive maintenance. Your agency should take action to address any public safety issues and to extend the life of your agency's bridge inventory.

Caltrans has posted on its Structures Maintenance and Investigations (SM&I) web site the inventory of all local public highway bridges. Bridges eligible for major reconstruction or replacement have a Sufficiency Rating (SR) less than or equal to 80 and are flagged Structurally Deficient (SD) or Functionally Obsolete (FO) by federal inspection coding standards. These bridges have deficiencies that should be addressed by each bridge owner. The bridge list may be found on this link:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/structur/strmaint/localbrlist.pdf>

Please review Chapter 6 of the Local Assistance Program Guidelines, for application forms and requirements. Bridges that are off the federal aid system are eligible for 100% federal reimbursement.

Applications for federal funds should be submitted to your District Local Assistance Engineer (DLAE), no later than September 30th, and January 31st of each year to ensure timely inclusion into the Local Assistance Bridge Program and the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). See Office Bulletin 10-01 for the Bridge Program-FTIP procedures.

Caltrans also requests your agency to develop a bridge preventive maintenance program to keep bridges that are in good condition from becoming deficient. Guidelines/requirements for requesting federal funds to develop local agency bridge preventive maintenance programs are in the Local Assistance HBP web site:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/hbrr99hbrr99a.htm>

If you have any questions, please contact your District Local Assistance Engineer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Denix D. Anbiah', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

DENIX D. ANBIAH
Chief
Division of Local Assistance