

# Q&A Regarding FY 2018 Earmark Repurposing

The purpose of these questions and answers is to provide technical advice to the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) division offices and State departments of transportation (State DOTs) on matters associated with the repurposing of earmarked funding for Federal-aid projects pursuant to section 126 of the Department of Transportation Appropriations Act, 2018, division L of Public Law (Pub. L.) 115-141 (hereinafter "provision").

**Question 1:** What is the purpose of this provision?

**Answer 1:** The purpose of the provision is to make funding available from earmarks and designated projects that have not been advanced by State DOTs. The limitations in the provision are to ensure the projects are obligated promptly and used in the same geographic area as the original earmark to provide funding for other needed projects eligible under the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) (23 U.S.C. §133(b)), or the Territorial and Puerto Rico Highway Program (THP) (23 U.S.C. §165).

**Question 2:** Must earmarks be repurposed?

**Answer 2:** No. If an earmark is not repurposed, then it will remain unchanged and available for obligation.

**Question 3:** Must all earmark repurposing requests be submitted this Federal Fiscal Year?

**Answer 3:** Yes. States may submit a request to repurpose earmarks at any time prior to September 12, 2018. Any earmarks not repurposed will remain unchanged with the same original period of availability.

**Question 4:** What is the basis for the requirement that applicable earmarks be designated before October 1, 2007?

**Answer 4:** The provision states that an earmark must be "more than 10 fiscal years prior to the current fiscal year." The provision became effective in Fiscal Year (FY) 2018. As such, 10 years before FY 2018 is FY 2008, which began on October 1, 2007. Thus, for an earmark to be eligible it must be in a law or a Congressional report for a law passed before the end of FY 2007, i.e., Pub. L. 110-93 or lower.

**Question 5:** What does the requirement that the project be within the same geographic area and within 50 miles of the earmark mean?

**Answer 5:** The repurposed funds may be obligated only on a new or existing project within 50 miles of the original earmark designation in the State. Fifty miles can be considered from any reasonable point from the location of the earmark, but the new or existing project must remain within the State.

**Question 6:** Can the State choose an "area wide" project, such as a guardrail replacement program project in a specific city or county?

**Answer 6:** Yes; however, to ensure the integrity of the earmark and use of funds, the "area wide" project must be limited to work within the 50-mile area of the original earmark, and the project description must be clearly defined and eligible under FHWA project authorization guidance. For

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example, the State may not repurpose an earmark for an unidentified list of resurface projects in the 50-mile area.

**Question 7:** If the earmark was for 'Highway xx in an identified city,' is the 50-mile range from anywhere in the city?

**Answer 7:** No. The 50-mile radius is from any point on the specified highway or work location in the identified city.

**Question 8:** If an earmark is described as "Statewide" or "anywhere in the State" in the authorizing legislation, how does the 50-mile rule apply?

**Answer 8:** Because the earmark is already authorized to be used anywhere in the State, the 50-mile rule has no application. The repurposed funds are only limited for use within the State for which the funds were earmarked.

**Question 9:** If Congress changed the description of an earmark at any point prior to this provision, can it still be repurposed?

**Answer 9:** Yes. The repurposing should be based on the latest project description, including applicable earmarks for which the original description was subsequently revised by Congress.

**Question 10:** If an earmark was repurposed under the FY 2016 or FY 2017 provisions or is repurposed under this provision, can it be changed again?

**Answer 10:** No. Once repurposed under the FY 2016 or FY 2017 provisions or this provision, the project description no longer meets the requirement of the provision that the project be described in applicable legislation or a report identified by Congress and, as such, cannot be further repurposed.

**Question 11:** Can discretionary awards made by the Secretary without Congressional identification be repurposed?

**Answer 11:** No. If the project was not identified by Congress in applicable legislation or report and the Secretary used discretion to select projects in a discretionary program, the funds may not be repurposed under this provision.

**Question 12:** Can earmarked funds that were transferred to another agency be repurposed under this provision?

**Answer 12:** No. The provision applies only to funds being administered by FHWA.

**Question 13:** If an earmark was revised during the 2012 repurposing activity for specific 2003 to 2006 earmarks carried out by the Secretary, can the earmark be repurposed under this action?

**Answer 13:** No. The description of the earmark has been changed by that action and is no longer as "identified" in applicable legislation.

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**Question 14:** If earmarked funds were deobligated after October 1, 2017, does the project then qualify under the “less than 10%” provision and not require project closeouts?

**Answer 14:**No. The provision provides a specific cut-off date for the 10% requirement, which is October 1 of the current fiscal year, October 1, 2017. The earmark still must be treated as 10% obligated. Earmarks that are obligated 10% or more as of October 1, 2017, must be closed in the Fiscal Management Information System (FMIS) and final vouchered before they can be considered for repurposing. All of the funds deobligated from the closed project(s) for the earmark may be considered for repurposing. Project closure may occur at any time before the deadline for repurposing earmarks.

**Question 15:** Can funds deobligated after October 1, 2017, also be repurposed?

**Answer 15:**Yes. But if the obligation amount exceeded 10% on October 1, 2017, the earmark project(s) must still be final vouchered and closed in FMIS.

**Question 16:** What does “have been closed and for which payments have been made under a final voucher” really mean for earmarks that are 10% or more obligated?

**Answer 16:** A closed project means closed in FMIS. If the project is not a FMIS project, the State must certify the project is closed. Final voucher paid means the State has requested final payment from FHWA based on final project estimates. The State should consider if additional funding is needed to make the started earmark project functional before it considers repurposing the remaining earmark funds. All projects related to the earmark must have a final voucher and be closed for the funds to be eligible for repurposing.

**Question 17:** If a portion of the funds for an earmark was previously transferred to another agency, can the remaining balance retained by FHWA be used for repurposing?

**Answer 17:** Yes. The State must certify that the project is closed and may repurpose the remaining balance that is administered by FHWA. Stated differently, if funds were previously transferred to another agency, only funds returned to FHWA (currently administered by FHWA) can be repurposed under this provision.

**Question 18:** Earmark funds are obligated on two different Federal-aid project agreements, each for 5% of the earmark amount. Must both project agreements be closed to repurpose the balance?

**Answer 18:**Yes. If the total amount obligated from the earmark meets or exceeds the 10% limit, then all projects must be final vouchered and closed.

**Question 19:** Do earmarks that are final vouchered and closed need to have been authorized before FY 2008?

**Answer 19:**Yes. All earmarks must have been authorized in legislation before FY 2008 to be considered for repurposing.

**Question 20:** What are the requirements to obligate funds repurposed under this provision?

**Answer 20:** Standard Federal-aid requirements will apply for obligation. The obligation of the funds must be for the project identified during repurposing. Please see the FHWA’s Office of the Chief

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Financial Officer's (HCF) memo titled "Project Funds Management Guide for State Grants" dated October 29, 2014, for additional information.

**Question 21:** How long are the funds and obligation authority available for obligation?

**Answer 21:** From the date a repurposing request is submitted by the State, funds may be obligated up to 3 years after the fiscal year of the request. Therefore, repurposed funds from requests submitted in FY 2018 must be obligated by September 30, 2021. Unobligated balances will lapse on that date, but the properly obligated contract authority funds will remain available for expenditure. 23 U.S.C. 118(c)(2) will apply to contract authority from the Highway Trust Fund. Any General Funds (Budget Authority) will be cancelled 5 years after the funds expire.

**Question 22:** Does the FY 2018 repurposing provision change the time by which FY 2016 or FY 2017 repurposed earmarks must be obligated?

**Answer 22:** No. The FY 2016 repurposed earmarks still must be obligated by September 30, 2019, and the FY 2017 repurposed earmarks still must be obligated by September 30, 2020.

**Question 23:** Is there a limited time period to expend obligations?

**Answer 23:** For funds from the Highway Trust Fund (i.e., contract authority), the obligated funds are available until expended, but the project can become inactive if it is not proceeding. For funds from the General Fund (i.e., budget authority), the funds will be cancelled 5 years after the period of availability, September 30, 2026, and will no longer be available for expenditure.

**Question 24:** Can earmark project funds from expired programs be repurposed?

**Answer 24:** Earmark funds that are in an expired fund category for a program can be repurposed only in limited circumstances. The funds must be from the Highway Trust Fund and have been deobligated in the current fiscal year. The repurposed project must then be obligated in the same fiscal year (e.g., before the end of FY 2018). The expired status of the funds cannot be changed, which means that they will lapse at the end of the fiscal year if not properly obligated. Examples of programs to which this may apply are the Public Lands Highways Discretionary Program and the Transportation, Community, and System Preservation Program (TCSP) where Congress designated the projects from these discretionary programs. If the project was not specifically designated by Congress, then it is not eligible for repurposing. A new program code will need to be identified and a demo ID provided, after which the State will follow the standard repurposing process. Due to the need to obligate these funds by the end of the FY 2018, such requests must be identified for priority processing.

**Question 25:** Does the list of earmarks and allocated funds prepared by HCF identify the only earmarks and allocated funds that can be considered for repurposing?

**Answer 25:** No. The list may not include all the earmarks and funding programs that may be eligible under the provision. However, it will give States a summation of the projects that could be considered. States should work with their FHWA division offices to ensure all earmarks and allocated funds listed or otherwise identified meet the repurposing eligibility criteria and the amount of funds is available. If a State identifies an earmark that is not listed, it should provide the name, the original amount, and the legislation for the earmark. The funds must be allocated in FMIS before the repurposing process can take place. In addition, if an earmark is not on the list, it may require the FMIS Team to establish a new program code for the repurposed funding.

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**Question 26:** Why are some of the demo ID's repeated on the earmark lists?

**Answer 26:** Some demo ID have multiple program codes and were identified from more than one law, so the report filter created more than one line for the demo ID. Please refer to the FMIS N25A report for details on the correct program code and the amount of funding available for each program code.

**Question 27:** Some earmarks are missing from the published list on FHWA's website compared to the lists we obtained from other sources. Where are those projects?

**Answer 27:** A few earmarks were allocated under two different program codes, specifically SAFETEA-LU HPP earmarks. In some instances, one program code was obligated more than 10% and the other program code was not. If the earmark, in total, has obligations 10% or greater, then it is not eligible unless the FMIS project agreement(s) has been final vouchered and closed. Such instances will not be on the FHWA published list of projects less than 10% obligated. Please review the FMIS N25A report to ensure the earmark meets the less than 10% obligated requirement. The projects may be on the list of earmarks obligated greater than 10%.

**Question 28:** Why are there negative unobligated balances on the FMIS N25A report for some earmarks (or Demo IDs)?

**Answer 28:** Some Demo contract authority was permitted to be used on other demos for various reasons, including advance funding authority under the High Priority Projects program. If your State has a Demo with a negative unobligated balance, you must identify which Demo was used to balance the funds. A State cannot transfer funds if the funds were used under a different Demo even if the balance appears on the N25A as unobligated.

**Question 29:** Does the FMIS N25A report show if the earmark was from an eligible public law?

**Answer 29:** Yes, public laws are identified on the N25A report. For an earmark to be eligible it must be in a law or a Congressional report for a law passed before the end of FY 2007, i.e., Pub. L. 110-93 or lower.

**Question 30:** Who has the authority to request repurposing of an earmark that appears to be for a local agency?

**Answer 30:** The provision provides the authority for a State to repurpose any earmark that was designated on or before September 30, 2007 "located within the boundary of the State or territory". The only requirement for the State is that the repurposed project must be within 50 miles of the designation, within the State, and eligible for STBG or THP.

**Question 31:** Must the State use the transfer form to request repurposing?

**Answer 31:** Yes. This form was slightly modified for the earmark repurposing requests and to ensure the necessary information is provided for HCF to efficiently complete the repurposing process and meet the requirements of the provision. Please be sure to use the most recent version (ERP 2018) as the form has been slightly updated for the FY 2018 provision.

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**Question 32:** How detailed does the new project description on the repurpose request need to be?

**Answer 32:** The project description should clearly define the scope of work and the project location that the funds will be obligated on before the end of the availability period. Please see the HCF memo titled "[Project Funds Management Guide for State Grants](#)" dated October 29, 2014, for additional information. The project description does not need to specify the phase of work, i.e., preliminary engineering (PE), right-of-way activities, or construction.

**Question 33:** Can "placeholder" or "backup" projects be identified during repurposing process?

**Answer 33:** No. The actual projects the State plans to obligate funds on must be identified with the amount of repurposed funds to be obligated on that project. Token amounts of funding for a project will not be considered.

The State should identify the amount it intends to obligate to each project, understanding that some adjustments might occur due to estimates. For example, if the earmark has \$300,000 available, and the State identifies 3 projects on which it intends to obligate \$100,000 each, each project should get \$100,000, with minor adjustments for estimates. The State should not distribute the funds to multiple projects and then, for example, obligate all the funding on one of them. Also, see questions #36, #37, and #51.

**Question 34:** Does the Federal-aid number need to be identified at the time of repurposing?

**Answer 34:** No, the Federal-aid number can be identified later at the time of obligation.

**Question 35:** Do any Federal-aid requirements need to be met before the funds can be repurposed to the new project, including being on the STIP?

**Answer 35:** No. Federal-aid requirements must be addressed before obligation, but not before the earmark funds are approved for repurposing. The only requirement is identifying the eligible project(s) for use of the earmark funds.

**Question 36:** How specific should the amount be for the project identified to receive the repurposed funds?

**Answer 36:** The amount should be a realistic amount the State intends to obligate for the project based upon the current project cost estimate. "Token" amounts may not be identified with the intent to provide options for the earmark funding use. See Question #33.

**Question 37:** If the project estimate is more than was anticipated when the repurpose form was submitted, can a State DOT obligate more funds to a repurposed earmark project from other projects identified on the repurpose transfer form?

**Answer 37:** Question #33 specifies that the amount and projects identified on the transfer form need to be specific. Thus, only minor modifications should be made between identified projects on a transfer form. The State should use other funding sources if the final estimate significantly exceeds the funds identified for a project rather than significantly redistributing earmark funds identified for another project.

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**Question 38:** What is the purpose of the earmark certification box?

**Answer 38:** The certification statements for both the State DOT and the FHWA Division Administrator (DA) provide clearly defined and consistently applied assurance that the requested repurposing meets the eligibility criteria set forth in the provision.

**Question 39:** To whom should the State send the certification letter and what does it need to include?

**Answer 39:** The State or territory should send the certification letter to the DA. The letter should state that the funds from the earmark projects shown in the attachment [HCF will provide the attachments] will be obligated only for the respective projects which are eligible under the repurposing provision (section 126 of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018, division L of Pub. L. 115-141). The letter may address any corrections that are consistent with and that do not change the original request as submitted on the transfer form. Please ensure the list of projects is attached to the letter.

**Question 40:** What is FHWA's role in determining which earmarks to repurpose and on what projects to utilize the repurposed funds?

**Answer 40:** The DA's approval represents the FHWA's concurrence on eligibility of each earmark requested for repurposing and the identified project is qualified. The FHWA divisions work with States to ensure the provision's requirements are met for repurposing, such as: if an eligible earmark has less than 10% of the funds obligated or the State demonstrated that it was complete; and, if the repurposed project is for an eligible activity within 50 miles of the original location and is in the same State as the original earmark. However, it is a State's decision as to which eligible earmarks to repurpose and on which qualified projects to utilize those repurposed funds.

**Question 41:** Can the DA delegate approval of these requests?

**Answer 41:** The DA can delegate the approval to the Assistant Division Administrator (ADA) or Chief Operating Officer (COO). The DA's signature is required to ensure the appropriate level of and multi-discipline review has been completed. The DA's approval of a State's repurposing request constitutes FHWA's concurrence that (1) the repurposed earmark request meets the criteria for repurposing, and (2) any new proposed projects are STBG (or THP) eligible, within 50 miles of the earmark description, and within the State.

**Question 42:** Can States request an extension to submit earmark repurposing requests beyond the August 29, 2018 deadline, if the State intends to obligate before the end of the fiscal year, or beyond the September 12, 2018 deadline, if the State does not intend to obligate before the end of the fiscal year?

**Answer 42:** No. Extensions cannot be considered. For requests to be processed before the end of the fiscal year and to be considered valid for processing, FHWA division offices must submit repurposing requests to HCF's "FHWA Transfers" e-mail address by the deadlines provided.

**Question 43:** Must the State do any quarterly reporting?

**Answer 43:** Yes. States must submit quarterly reports as required by repurposing provision. However, FHWA will facilitate these reports by providing the States a consolidated report covering each quarter containing the project identified and approved for repurposing. The State will provide the FHWA division office a letter certifying the accuracy of the list. The reports are required only from

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States that made a request to repurpose earmarks. Later this fiscal year, FHWA will provide additional information to the States about the exact process and timeline.

**Question 44:** If the State wants to transfer repurposed funds to another agency, e.g., the Federal Transit Administration, does it need to submit two transfer forms?

**Answer 44:** Yes, the State must submit both form FHWA-1575 (ERP 2018) to repurpose the earmark to the new purpose and submit form FHWA-1576 to transfer the funds to the other agency. Both forms may be submitted at the same time if the receiving agency will obligate in the current fiscal year. Form FHWA-1576 will show the repurposed funds program code.

**Question 45:** Can FHWA prioritize certain projects for processing?

**Answer 45:** Repurposing requests will be processed on a first-come-first-serve basis. If the State needs a request processed early, it should submit early. If a project is advancing before the repurpose request can be processed, the State DOT should use an advance construction authorization for the project. Other funds may not be obligated as a placeholder.

**Question 46:** Is obligation limitation associated with repurposed funds subject to August Redistribution?

**Answer 46:**No. While some obligation limitation may be subject to August Redistribution prior to repurposing, such as the limitation for allocated programs, once funds are repurposed they are no longer subject to August Redistribution.

**Question 47:** Are earmarks that are not subject to obligation limitation required to use annual formula limitation after repurposing?

**Answer 47:**No. Only funds that are subject to obligation limitation and do not have obligation limitation remaining available will need to use annual formula obligation limitation.

**Question 48:** How can the State determine how much obligation limitation is available for the earmark?

**Answer 48:** If the funds have not been allocated in FMIS, the relevant program office should be able to provide that information. If the funds have been allocated, first go to the "Fund Control Menu" in FMIS and look up the applicable program code. See the "Limitation Type" column. Then go back to the "Fund control" menu, select "Limitation – Balances". Select the appropriate limit type and determine if the limit is "Limit by Demo".

**Question 49:** What is the difference between Contract Authority (CA) and Obligation Limitation (or authority)? How does it impact the ability to obligate these repurposed funds?

The CA (also referred to as the "funds") is the actual amount of funding authorized to be used for a purpose by Congress in the applicable legislation and may be obligated in advance of appropriations. The CA is typically provided in multi-year laws. To limit the CA from multi-year legislation into the annual budget and appropriations process, Congress establishes a maximum amount of the CA that can be obligated in each fiscal year in an appropriation act. This is referred to as obligation authority (OA) or obligation limitation (used interchangeably in FHWA). The States receive annual formula OA based upon a ratio of the amount of CA the State receives that must be used in conjunction with apportioned funds. States may also receive OA in conjunction with certain allocated program funds.



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“Special OA” may be provided for an extended period, such as the fiscal year plus 3 years, or may be provided as “available until expended.” The amount of OA is typically less than the CA. For this reason, many of the earmarks have more CA available than OA. In this case, the State must use annual formula OA for any excess CA if they wish to obligate the balance exceeding the OA originally provided for the earmark. Annual formula OA will not be impacted when the funds are repurposed. The annual formula OA will only be impacted in the FY the funds are obligated.

Finally, some CA is provided as “exempt” from obligation limitation and is not subject to any limitation when obligated.

It should be noted that most Federal funds, other than those from the Highway Trust Fund, are provided as budget authority (BA). The BA typically does not require additional OA to be obligated because traditional BA is limited directly by the appropriations which made it available by appropriation. BA is typically one year or available until expended.

**Question 50:** What are the various types of obligation limitation that could be affected by earmark repurposing?

**Answer 50:** Please see the Attachment 1 for an explanation of the obligation limitation.

**Question 51:** If the earmark has more CA than OA, and the State does not wish to use the formula OA for the repurposed funds, does the State need to repurpose the full amount available for the earmark?

**Answer 51:** Yes, the State must repurpose the full amount of CA even if it does not plan to use formula OA to obligate the excess CA. This is an acceptable variance from Question #33 to take into account the excess CA.

**Question 52:** Can the repurposed funds be used to replace previously obligated funds on an existing project?

**Answer 52:**No. Pursuant to 23 CFR 630.110(a), properly obligated funds may not be replaced. A State may use repurposed funds to add additional funds to a project due to a need for additional obligations or to convert advance construction as long as that project is identified at the time the repurposing is originally requested.

**Question 53:** If a repurposed project is completed, can excess funds deobligated from the project due to cost underruns be re-obligated on another project?

**Answer 53:**Once a project is repurposed, the project description no longer meets the requirement of the provision that the project be described in applicable legislation or a report identified by Congress and, as such, cannot be further repurposed. Therefore, if a repurposed project is completed and excess funds are deobligated, the unobligated funds may be used only on another project from the same earmark identified on the previously submitted modified transfer request form. In addition, for contract authority funding after the period of availability, the reobligation must occur in the same fiscal year as the deobligation. Moreover, the original obligation must have been proper (an amount was not obligated in excess of the estimate to complete the project authorized or before the project was ready to proceed), and the deobligation must have been for a valid reason complying with 23 CFR 630.110(a).

**Question 54:** Can the repurposed funds be transferred to another agency or Federal Lands to carry out a project or projects?

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**Answer 54:** Yes, based upon authorized transfer procedures as described in FHWA Order 4551.1.

**Question 55:** Can the repurposed funds be used to convert advance construction (AC)?

**Answer 55:** Yes. As long as the project was properly identified during the repurposing process, the funds may be used to convert AC.

**Question 56:** Can toll credits be used with the repurposed funds?

**Answer 56:** If the earmark was previously eligible to use toll credits as non-Federal share, then the repurposed funds may also use toll credits as the non-Federal share.

**Question 57:** Does PE or right-of-way payback apply to the original earmark?

**Answer 57:** If the earmark, as written, was specifically for PE (e.g., design activities) or right-of-way acquisition, then consistent with the FHWA PE Order, the project is not subject to PE or right-of-way reimbursement to FHWA because the earmark had a specific limited purpose. If the State did use part of earmarked funds for PE or right-of-way activities that were intended to include construction prior to repurposing and the amount obligated was less than 10% of the earmark, the earmark may be repurposed, but the expended funds for PE or right-of-way activities will be subject the applicable reimbursement provisions. If the State spent 10% or more of the earmark intended for construction for PE or right-of-way activities, the project cannot be considered complete. If the State promptly pays back those activities, the funds could be considered for repurposing.

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**Question 50:** What are the various types of obligation limitation that could be affected by earmark repurposing?

**Answer 50:** Earmarks have various types of limitation. The State's funds and limitation balances on the FMIS W10A report may change category after repurposing of an earmark. Following are descriptions of the different limitation types:

- 1) Special limitation for specific earmarks at the program level.
  - a) All earmarks from the same program draw its limitation from the associated limitation pool. The limitation pool amounts may match the allocated funds at 100% or less. Examples of special limitation at the program level include: Transportation Improvements (program code LY30); TEA-21 High Priority Projects (program code Q920); and Projects of Regional and National Significance (program code LY40). To repurpose an earmark which has program level pool limitation:
    - (1) Determine the limitation type from the Program Code Crosswalk. See column "PC Type Description (limitation type)".
    - (2) Refresh the Business Objects report "Lim buckets by Demo ID" to get the total amount of contract authority contrasted to the total amount of limitation which are available for the program. See example below.

	Corridor Infrastructure	HPP - SAFETEA-LU	HPP - TEA-21	Limited By Demo	Section 115	Section 117
Available Limitation	\$0.40	\$46,820,790.00	\$6,879,590.00	\$9,555,380.00	\$400,001.00	\$4,694,983.00
Total Unobligated Funds	\$0.40	\$63,072,783.00	\$14,976,013.00	\$19,360,564.00	\$400,001.00	\$4,694,983.00

- (3) If the total Available Limitation is equal to Total Unobligated Funds, then the total unobligated balance of the Demo ID would be repurposed to the program code shown on the crosswalk in column (-B-).
  - (4) If Available Limitation is less than the Total Unobligated Funds, then the State would repurpose the earmark fund balance using the program codes shown on the crosswalk in columns (-B-) and (-C-) depending upon the amount of available limitation the State determines to use for the repurposed earmark funds. However, the remaining total limitation balance for the program cannot exceed the remaining total unobligated balance of funds for all earmarks in the associated program.
- 2) Special limitation authorized only for a specific earmark within a program.
    - a) High Priority Projects authorized in SAFETEA-LU section 1602 #1-3676 have limitation assigned to each earmark (e.g., by Demo ID). The limitation type is Limited by Demo.

To repurpose one of the earmarks from this program:

- (1) Look up the amount of available limitation for the specific Demo ID from the FMIS Fund Control Limitation Balances screen. Filter for your State and Limited by Demo. Then expand Details and open View Limit by Demo ID.
- (2) Lookup the available limitation for both program codes HY10 and LY10. These amounts must be repurposed to program code RPS1.
- (3) The excess contract authority (funds which have no matching obligation authority) must be repurposed to program code RPF1.

- 3) Earmarks which draw from annual limitation.
- a) Refer to the Program Code Crosswalk and the Business Objects “Lim Buckets by Demo ID” report to identify by Demo ID or program code which earmarks (or programs) draw from Charged to Limitation balances.

	Charged to Limitation	Corridor Infrastructure	HPP - SAFETEA-LU	HPP - TEA-21	Limited By Demo
Available Limitation	\$2,629,753,965.37	\$75,245,651.47	\$16,123,372.37	\$45,427,880.37	\$207,189,168.68
Total Unobligated Funds	\$1,880,400.47	\$75,245,651.47	\$31,047,082.37	\$124,856,713.23	\$309,744,865.03

- b) When earmarks with discretionary limitation are repurposed from the State’s existing allocated funds, the State may see a change in their Charged to Limitation account balance. This limitation was previously allocated to the State for these funds. When funds are repurposed to RPS1, then the applicable amount of limitation will be moved from the “FUNDS SUBJ TO ANNUAL OBLIG LIM” section of the W10A “TOTAL ANNUAL OBLIG LIM” to the special limitation category “TOTAL SPECIAL LIM”.
- 4) Exempt from limitation and non-Federal-aid limitation.
- a) For program codes shown on the crosswalk as Exempt and Non-Federal-aid in the PC Type column, use the program codes shown on the crosswalk – RPE1 and RN#1. The State’s limitation balances will not change.
- b) The fund amounts on the W10A report will continue to be shown in the Exempt category and the Other category, as appropriate.

RPF1 note: Funds repurposed to program code RPF1 will draw from the State’s **formula** limitation balance at the time that the funds are obligated. If the funds are not obligated and lapse, the limitation will not be affected.

RPS1 note: Special limitation for funds repurposed to program code RPS1 will expire at the end of FY 2021.

All repurposed funds will show unobligated balances as “Possible Lapse Fiscal Year End” 2021 column when visible on the W10A report (in FY 2018).