

**California  
Department of Transportation**

**Price Index for Selected Highway Construction Items  
Second Quarter Ending June 30, 2010**

**SUMMARY**

<b>Index this quarter</b>	<b>235.4</b>
Point change from last quarter	<b>- 110.7</b>
Percentage change from last quarter	<b>- 32.0%</b>
<b>Index last 12 months</b>	<b>230.1</b>
Point change from previous report	<b>+7.2</b>
Percentage change from previous report	<b>+ 3.2%</b>

Average number of bidders this quarter	<b>6.1</b>
Change in number of bidders from last quarter	<b>- 2.8</b>

- Notes:
1. Unless otherwise indicated, all information shown in this publication was assembled using the 1987 base year.
  2. Price indices computed with the Fisher formula and base year 2007 are presented in Exhibit A for comparison purposes.
  3. Beginning the third quarter 2010, only the Fisher formula based indices will be reported in the publication and historical information shown in the current publication will be converted accordingly.

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The California Price Index for Selected Highway Construction Items for the second quarter of 2010 stands at 235.4, down 110.7 points (32.0 percent) from the first quarter of 2010 index of 346.1. The Index for the year-to-date (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010) is 230.1, up 7.2 points (3.2 percent) from the first quarter of 2010 year-to-date index of 222.9 (revised from 238.3).

Cost increases were recorded in Asphalt Concrete Pavement and Portland Cement Concrete (Pavement), while cost decreases were recorded in Roadway Excavation, Aggregate Base, Portland Cement Concrete (Structure), Bar Reinforcing Steel, and Structural Steel in the second quarter.

The average number of bidders per project in the second quarter of 2010 is 6.1, down 2.8 bidders per project as compared to 8.9 in the first quarter of 2010 and down 1.4 as compared to 7.5 in the corresponding quarter of 2009.

The Engineering News-Record's Construction Cost Index average for the second quarter of 2010 is 8747.6, up 80.0 points or 0.9% from 8667.6 of the last quarter. The price index uses a 1913 = 100 base.

The U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index average for the second quarter of 2010 is 218.1, for U. S. City average of All Urban Consumers, up 1.1 points or 0.5 % from 217.0 of the last quarter. The price index uses a 1982-84 =100 base.

**Projects Bid Opened**  
(April 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010)

Range (\$)			Number of Projects	%	Amounts of Projects (\$)	%
Up to 50,000			0	0.00	0	0.00
50,000	to	100,000	4	1.48	301,438	0.04
100,000	to	250,000	37	13.70	6,749,598	0.99
250,000	to	500,000	61	22.59	22,752,715	3.34
500,000	to	1,000,000	50	18.52	34,977,033	5.13
1,000,000	to	2,500,000	66	24.45	99,211,168	14.55
2,500,000	to	5,000,000	32	11.85	117,463,220	17.22
5,000,000 and above			20	7.41	400,604,205	58.73
<b>Total</b>			<b>270</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>\$682,059,377</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## **Construction Item Costs Based on English Units**

### Roadway Excavation: \$11.79 per cubic yard

The price decreased \$14.91 from the average unit price of \$26.70 per cubic yard last quarter. Unit bid prices ranged from \$4.59 to \$325.00 per cubic yard.

### Aggregate Base: \$14.49 per ton

The price decreased \$7.30 from the average unit price of \$21.79 per ton last quarter. Unit bid prices ranged from \$10.53 to \$250.53 per ton.

### Asphalt Concrete Pavement: \$86.30 per ton

The unit price increased \$0.79 from the average unit price of \$85.51 per ton last quarter. Unit prices ranged from \$55.00 to \$1,000.00 per ton.

### Portland Cement Concrete (Pavement): \$148.42 per cubic yard

The unit price increased \$32.20 from the average unit price of \$116.22 per cubic yard last quarter. Unit prices ranged from \$136.09 to \$164.38 per cubic yard.

### Portland Cement Concrete (Structure): \$419.24 per cubic yard

The unit price decreased \$190.49 from the average unit price of \$609.73 per cubic yard last quarter. Unit prices ranged \$120.00 to \$2,500.00 per cubic yard.

### Bar Reinforcing Steel: \$0.673 per pound

The unit price decreased \$0.102 from the average unit price of \$0.775 per pound last quarter. Unit prices ranged from \$0.45 to \$11.00 per pound.

### Structural Steel: \$1.958 per pound

The unit price decreased \$2.041 from the average unit price of \$3.999 per pound last quarter. Unit prices ranged from \$1.91 to \$300.00 per pound.

## **Construction Item Costs Based on Metric Units**

### Roadway Excavation: \$15.42 per cubic meter

The price decreased \$19.50 from the average unit price of \$34.92 per cubic meter last quarter. Unit bid prices ranged from \$6.00 to \$425.08 per cubic meter.

### Aggregate Base: \$15.97 per tonn

The price decreased \$8.05 from the average unit price of \$24.02 per tonn last quarter. Unit bid prices ranged from \$11.60 to \$276.16 per tonn.

### Asphalt Concrete Pavement: \$95.13 per tonn

The unit price increased \$0.87 from the average unit price of \$94.26 per tonn last quarter. Unit prices ranged from \$60.63 to \$1,102.31 per tonn.

### Portland Cement Concrete (Pavement): \$194.12 per cubic meter

The unit price increased \$42.11 from the average unit price of \$152.01 per cubic meter last quarter. Unit prices ranged from \$178.00 to \$215.00 per cubic meter.

### Portland Cement Concrete (Structure): \$548.35 per cubic meter

The unit price decreased \$249.15 from the average unit price of \$797.50 per cubic meter last quarter. Unit prices ranged \$156.95 to \$3,269.88 per cubic meter.

### Bar Reinforcing Steel: \$1.484 per kilogram

The unit price decreased \$0.224 from the average unit price of \$1.708 per kilogram last quarter. Unit prices ranged from \$1.00 to \$24.25 per kilogram.

### Structural Steel: \$4.317 per kilogram

The unit price decreased \$4.499 from the average unit price of \$8.816 per kilogram last quarter. Unit prices ranged from \$4.21 to \$661.39 per kilogram.

EXHIBIT A

Price Index for Selected  
Highway Construction Items  
1987 = 100

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>QTRLY</u>	<u>LAST 12 Months</u>	<u>Annual</u>
1972	.....	.....	30.0
1973	.....	.....	31.2
1974	.....	.....	45.6
1975	.....	.....	46.7
1976	.....	.....	47.7
1977	.....	.....	53.7
1978	.....	.....	62.1
1979	.....	.....	80.1
1980	.....	.....	82.1
1981	.....	.....	90.6
1982	.....	.....	81.3
1983	.....	.....	81.9
1984	.....	.....	93.3
1985	.....	.....	92.7
1986	.....	.....	95.0
1987	.....	.....	100.0
1988	.....	.....	104.4
1989	.....	.....	111.3
1990	.....	.....	113.5
1991	.....	.....	108.2
1992	.....	.....	106.8
1993	.....	.....	113.1
1994	.....	.....	119.0
1995	.....	.....	115.0
1996	.....	.....	119.2
1997	.....	.....	124.8
1998	.....	.....	128.6
1999	.....	.....	139.2
2000	.....	.....	146.2
2001	.....	.....	154.1
2002	.....	.....	142.2
2003	.....	.....	148.6
2004	.....	.....	216.2
2005	.....	.....	268.3
2006	.....	.....	280.6
2007	(1st Quarter) .....	363.9	335.3
2007	(2nd Quarter) .....	401.4	341.2
2007	(3rd Quarter) .....	262.2	309.9
2007	(4th Quarter) .....	208.5	
	(Year) .....		261.1
2008	(1st Quarter) .....	243.6	249.3
2008	(2nd Quarter) .....	250.8	235.7
2008	(3rd Quarter) .....	318.4	241.1
2008	(4th Quarter) .....	226.9	
	(Year) .....		252.7
2009	(1st Quarter) .....	276.5	258.2
2009	(2nd Quarter) .....	195.3	253.3
2009	(3rd Quarter) .....	301.4	250.2
2009	(4th Quarter) .....	204.6	
	(Year) .....		220.5
2010	(1st Quarter) .....	346.1	222.9*
2010	(2nd Quarter) .....	235.4	230.1*

\*Revised.

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Highway Construction Items  
2007 = 100, Fisher formula**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>QTRLY</u>	<u>LAST 12 Months</u>	<u>Annual</u>
1972	.....	.....	11.3
1973	.....	.....	11.4
1974	.....	.....	17.2
1975	.....	.....	17.2
1976	.....	.....	16.5
1977	.....	.....	19.8
1978	.....	.....	22.6
1979	.....	.....	29.3
1980	.....	.....	30.1
1981	.....	.....	34.4
1982	.....	.....	30.9
1983	.....	.....	31.0
1984	.....	.....	36.2
1985	.....	.....	36.0
1986	.....	.....	37.3
1987	.....	.....	39.7
1988	.....	.....	40.5
1989	.....	.....	43.9
1990	.....	.....	44.1
1991	.....	.....	40.4
1992	.....	.....	40.4
1993	.....	.....	42.2
1994	.....	.....	46.2
1995	.....	.....	45.0
1996	.....	.....	45.6
1997	.....	.....	47.6
1998	.....	.....	49.9
1999	.....	.....	52.9
2000	.....	.....	53.5
2001	.....	.....	58.7
2002	.....	.....	53.1
2003	.....	.....	56.6
2004	.....	.....	79.1
2005	.....	.....	98.1
2006	.....	.....	104.1
2007	(1st Quarter) .....	121.8	119.8
2007	(2nd Quarter) .....	137.1	122.4
2007	(3rd Quarter) .....	103.2	114.3
2007	(4th Quarter) .....	79.6	
	(Year) .....		100.0
2008	(1st Quarter) .....	93.5	95.5
2008	(2nd Quarter) .....	95.4	90.7
2008	(3rd Quarter) .....	109.3	91.8
2008	(4th Quarter) .....	84.8	
	(Year) .....		95.0
2009	(1st Quarter) .....	98.1	95.5
2009	(2nd Quarter) .....	74.5	92.0
2009	(3rd Quarter) .....	88.4	80.4
2009	(4th Quarter) .....	74.3	
	(Year) .....		78.4
2010	(1st Quarter) .....	101.5*	78.5*
2010	(2nd Quarter) .....	79.3*	79.1*

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EXHIBIT B

California Department Of Transportation  
Average Highway Contract Prices  
(English Units)

	Roadway Excavation "1" <u>Per Cu Yd</u>	Aggregate Base <u>Per Ton</u>	Asphalt Concrete Pavement <u>Per Ton</u>	PCC Pavement <u>Per Cu Yd</u>	Class "A" PCC Structure <u>Per Cu Yd</u>	Bar Reinforcing Steel <u>Per Lb</u>	Structural Steel "2" <u>Per Lb</u>
1972	0.95	3.21	8.22	19.23	82.08	0.159	0.446
1973	0.75	3.14	9.02	19.24	93.60	0.169	0.635
1974	1.26	4.23	13.01	28.59	115.19	0.329	0.987
1975	1.19	4.70	14.24	30.63	132.10	0.239	0.838
1976	1.32	4.70	13.67	29.64	143.05	0.223	0.504
1977	1.76	5.44	15.15	35.17	150.03	0.239	1.228
1978	1.85	6.18	17.70	41.77	180.77	0.276	0.814
1979	2.36	7.49	22.40	52.39	234.24	0.383	1.960
1980	2.10	8.38	25.51	55.18	235.45	0.378	1.942
1981	3.14	8.63	28.53	59.45	226.84	0.386	2.091
1982	2.58	7.56	24.69	57.10	224.72	0.320	2.155
1983	2.10	9.20	27.57	52.04	225.84	0.335	2.155
1984	3.19	13.67	28.38	55.79	238.48	0.375	2.155
1985	2.77	11.55	30.15	64.13	232.39	0.413	2.288
1986	3.01	12.76	28.82	60.49	249.74	0.412	2.388
1987	2.97	17.57	27.54	70.62	280.40	0.418	2.546
1988	4.16	10.13	27.46	58.66	284.55	0.440	3.956
1989	4.19	10.62	29.43	73.78	303.49	0.483	3.103
1990	4.73	12.05	30.77	68.93	295.24	0.469	2.209
1991	3.08	10.07	33.43	62.64	295.21	0.431	2.284
1992	3.62	9.76	32.46	66.78	265.31	0.419	3.073
1993	4.53	9.89	35.41	66.76	243.79	0.464	2.706
1994	4.68	10.39	37.15	66.45	277.92	0.547	2.334
1995	4.10	10.18	35.29	63.85	298.80	0.499	2.266
1996	3.80	9.74	37.66	65.93	321.88	0.512	2.172
1997	5.25	10.29	36.07	78.48	308.54	0.496	2.337
1998	4.95	11.55	38.78	75.91	319.95	0.553	2.595
1999	6.55	12.86	40.14	77.95	321.22	0.521	3.215
2000	6.21	11.14	45.12	78.14	363.59	0.507	2.754
2001	5.83	14.58	43.89	75.74	425.17	0.612	3.906
2002	4.84	12.42	49.00	74.15	363.50	0.508	3.248
2003	5.05	15.05	48.35	109.96	362.75	0.600	1.710
2004	13.11	16.97	53.55	135.94	399.64	0.947	5.390
2005	14.13	20.61	75.72	171.22	567.31	0.968	2.666
2006	12.80	20.26	86.04	179.67	630.16	1.039	3.734
1st Quarter 2007	27.68	25.60	86.94	215.12	542.12	1.145	5.370
2nd Quarter 2007	29.61	27.30	91.46	223.54	742.32	0.974	7.696
3rd Quarter 2007	10.75	21.66	86.91	214.86	523.68	0.892	52.005
4th Quarter 2007	5.86	16.95	74.41	184.66	507.47	0.814	4.552
<b>Year 2007</b>	<b>10.84</b>	<b>20.54</b>	<b>85.48</b>	<b>204.69</b>	<b>566.25</b>	<b>0.935</b>	<b>6.966</b>
1st Quarter 2008	9.45	18.39	78.56	186.38	582.71	0.834	5.300
2nd Quarter 2008	8.10	18.29	85.02	200.07	597.84	1.076	4.923
3rd Quarter 2008	22.46	18.68	80.17	172.03	515.53	1.164	4.001
4th Quarter 2008	11.52	15.27	66.21	164.44	456.43	0.894	6.958
<b>Year 2008</b>	<b>11.39</b>	<b>17.90</b>	<b>78.50</b>	<b>177.91</b>	<b>553.62</b>	<b>0.938</b>	<b>5.183</b>
1st Quarter 2009	15.64	23.16	74.48	142.97	664.17	0.552	5.584
2nd Quarter 2009	7.59	14.55	61.38	145.41	479.45	0.664	8.532
3rd Quarter 2009	13.61	14.90	145.00	114.37	460.69	0.572	2.769
4th Quarter 2009	6.84	13.36	84.87	140.65	426.80	0.620	5.448
<b>Year 2009</b>	<b>9.37</b>	<b>14.91</b>	<b>80.38</b>	<b>125.41</b>	<b>484.78</b>	<b>0.593</b>	<b>4.492</b>
1st Quarter 2010	26.70	21.79	85.51	116.22	609.73	0.775	3.999*
2nd Quarter 2010	11.79	14.49	86.30	148.42	419.24	0.673	1.958*

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(Metric Units)

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1972	1.24	3.54	9.06	25.15	107.36	0.351	0.983
1973	0.98	3.46	9.94	25.16	122.42	0.373	1.400
1974	1.65	4.66	14.34	37.39	150.66	0.725	2.176
1975	1.56	5.18	15.70	40.06	172.78	0.527	1.847
1976	1.73	5.18	15.07	38.77	187.10	0.492	1.111
1977	2.30	6.00	16.70	46.00	196.23	0.527	2.707
1978	2.42	6.81	19.51	54.63	236.44	0.608	1.795
1979	3.09	8.26	24.69	68.52	306.37	0.844	4.321
1980	2.75	9.24	28.12	72.17	307.96	0.833	4.281
1981	4.11	9.51	31.45	77.76	296.70	0.851	4.610
1982	3.37	8.33	27.22	74.68	293.92	0.705	4.751
1983	2.75	10.14	30.39	68.07	295.39	0.739	4.751
1984	4.17	15.07	31.28	72.97	311.92	0.827	4.751
1985	3.62	12.73	33.23	83.88	303.95	0.911	5.044
1986	3.94	14.07	31.77	79.12	326.65	0.908	5.265
1987	3.88	19.37	30.36	92.37	366.75	0.922	5.613
1988	5.44	11.17	30.27	76.72	372.18	0.970	8.721
1989	5.48	11.71	32.44	96.50	396.95	1.065	6.841
1990	6.19	13.28	33.92	90.16	386.16	1.034	4.870
1991	4.03	11.10	36.85	81.93	386.12	0.950	5.035
1992	4.73	10.76	35.78	87.34	347.01	0.924	6.775
1993	5.93	10.90	39.03	87.32	318.87	1.023	5.966
1994	6.12	11.45	40.95	86.91	363.51	1.206	5.146
1995	5.36	11.22	38.90	83.51	390.82	1.100	4.996
1996	5.09	10.74	41.51	86.23	421.00	1.129	4.788
1997	6.87	11.35	39.76	102.65	403.56	1.094	5.152
1998	6.47	12.73	42.75	99.29	418.48	1.219	5.721
1999	8.57	14.17	44.24	101.95	420.15	1.148	7.088
2000	8.12	12.28	49.73	102.21	475.55	1.118	6.071
2001	7.63	16.07	48.39	99.06	556.10	1.349	8.612
2002	6.32	13.70	54.01	96.99	475.44	1.120	7.160
2003	6.60	16.59	53.30	143.82	474.45	1.313	3.769
2004	17.15	18.70	59.03	177.81	522.71	2.087	11.883
2005	18.48	22.72	83.47	223.94	742.02	2.134	5.878
2006	16.75	22.34	94.84	235.00	824.21	2.291	8.231
1st Quarter 2007	36.20	28.22	95.84	281.37	709.07	2.524	11.839
2nd Quarter 2007	38.72	30.10	100.82	292.38	970.91	2.146	16.966
3rd Quarter 2007	14.06	23.87	95.81	281.02	684.95	1.966	114.651
4th Quarter 2007	7.66	18.68	82.02	241.53	663.75	1.794	10.036
<b>Year 2007</b>	<b>14.18</b>	<b>22.64</b>	<b>94.23</b>	<b>267.73</b>	<b>740.62</b>	<b>2.062</b>	<b>15.358</b>
1st Quarter 2008	12.36	20.27	86.60	243.78	762.15	1.838	11.685
2nd Quarter 2008	10.60	20.16	93.72	261.68	781.95	2.373	10.853
3rd Quarter 2008	29.38	20.59	88.38	225.01	674.29	2.566	8.822
4th Quarter 2008	15.07	16.83	72.98	215.07	596.99	1.970	15.340
<b>Year 2008</b>	<b>14.90</b>	<b>19.73</b>	<b>86.53</b>	<b>232.69</b>	<b>724.11</b>	<b>2.068</b>	<b>11.426</b>
1st Quarter 2009	20.45	25.53	82.10	187.00	868.70	1.216	12.311
2nd Quarter 2009	9.93	16.04	67.66	190.19	627.10	1.464	18.811
3rd Quarter 2009	17.80	16.42	159.84	149.59	602.56	1.261	6.104
4th Quarter 2009	8.95	14.73	93.56	183.96	558.23	1.366	12.012
<b>Year 2009</b>	<b>12.25</b>	<b>16.44</b>	<b>88.61</b>	<b>164.03</b>	<b>634.07</b>	<b>1.308</b>	<b>9.902</b>
1st Quarter 2010	34.92	24.02	94.26	152.01	797.50	1.708	8.816*
2nd Quarter 2010	15.42	15.97	95.13	194.12	548.35	1.484	4.317*

1. Unclassified.
2. Beginning 1st quarter 2003, structural steel includes the furnish and the erect structural steel (bridge).
3. \*Revised.



Exhibit C

**California Department of Transportation**  
**Number and Dollar Value of Highway Projects**  
**Total Number of Bids and Average Number of Bidders**  
 (April 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010)

	<b>RANGE 1</b>	<b>RANGE 2</b>	<b>RANGE 3</b>	<b>RANGE 4</b>	<b>RANGE 5</b>	<b>RANGE 6</b>	<b>RANGE 7</b>	<b>RANGE 8</b>	<b>All Projects</b>
	Up to \$50,000	\$50,000 to \$100,000	\$100,000 to \$250,000	\$250,000 to \$500,000	\$500,000 to \$1,000,000	\$1,000,000 to \$2,500,000	\$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000	\$5,000,000 and above	
<b><u>Road Projects</u></b>									
Number of Projects	0	4	27	47	37	53	26	6	200
Total Value*	\$0	\$301,438	\$4,946,525	\$17,349,271	\$25,816,390	\$80,256,528	\$96,172,542	\$52,821,732	\$277,664,426
Number of Bidders	0	19	203	271	221	264	142	49	1,169
Average No of Bidders	0	4.8	7.5	5.8	6.0	5.0	5.5	8.2	5.8
<b><u>Structure Projects</u></b>									
Number of Projects	0	0	10	13	13	13	5	2	56
Total Value*	\$0	\$0	\$1,803,073	\$5,062,470	\$9,160,643	\$18,954,640	\$18,536,800	\$60,998,201	\$114,515,827
Number of Bidders	0	0	63	71	89	84	38	13	358
Average No of Bidders	0	0	6.3	5.5	6.8	6.5	7.6	6.5	6.4
<b><u>Combination Projects</u></b>									
Number of Projects	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	12	14
Total Value*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$340,974	\$0	\$0	\$2,753,879	\$286,784,272	\$289,879,124
Number of Bidders	0	0	0	2	0	0	9	96	107
Average No of Bidders	0	0	0	2.0	0	0	9.0	8.0	7.6
<b><u>Summary</u></b>									
Number of Projects	0	4	37	61	50	66	32	20	270
Total Value*	\$0	\$301,438	\$6,749,598	\$22,752,715	\$34,977,033	\$99,211,168	\$117,463,220	\$400,604,205	\$682,059,377
Number of Bidders	0	19	266	344	310	348	189	158	1,634
Average No of Bidders	0	4.8	7.2	5.6	6.2	5.3	5.9	7.9	6.1

\*Bid Items Only

**Average Number of Bidders by Month**

<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUN</u>
6.3	5.7	6.1