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Information Item

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Summary

The Department of Transportation (Department) will report on its progress in meeting the California Transportation Commission's (Commission's) challenge to accelerate delivery of the 63 projects in the statewide Retrofit Soundwall Program. When the Commission allocated the \$226 million the Legislature had authorized for constructing the remaining projects in the 2000 Budget, the majority of the projects were scheduled for delivery beyond fiscal year (FY) 2002-03. The Department is working to accelerate delivery and expects to have almost 75 percent of the projects ready to advertise by the end of FY 2002-03. The Program Manager for the Retrofit Soundwall Program is working on strategies that could help deliver as much as 90 percent by that target.

Background

The California Transportation Commission approved Resolution FP-00-13 in July 2000 which allocated \$226 million to fund and expedite the delivery of the last 63 projects in the statewide Retrofit Soundwall Program. The Retrofit Soundwall Program is sometimes referred to as the May 1989 list because it was created by the Legislature in 1989 as part of the Blueprint Legislation. Most of the 215 projects on the original list have been delivered or programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program prior to passage of Senate Bill 45 in 1997. In the 2000 Budget, the Legislature authorized \$226 million to construct the remainder of the program. The Commission allocated those funds in July 2000, with a challenge to the Department to accelerate the delivery of these long awaited projects.

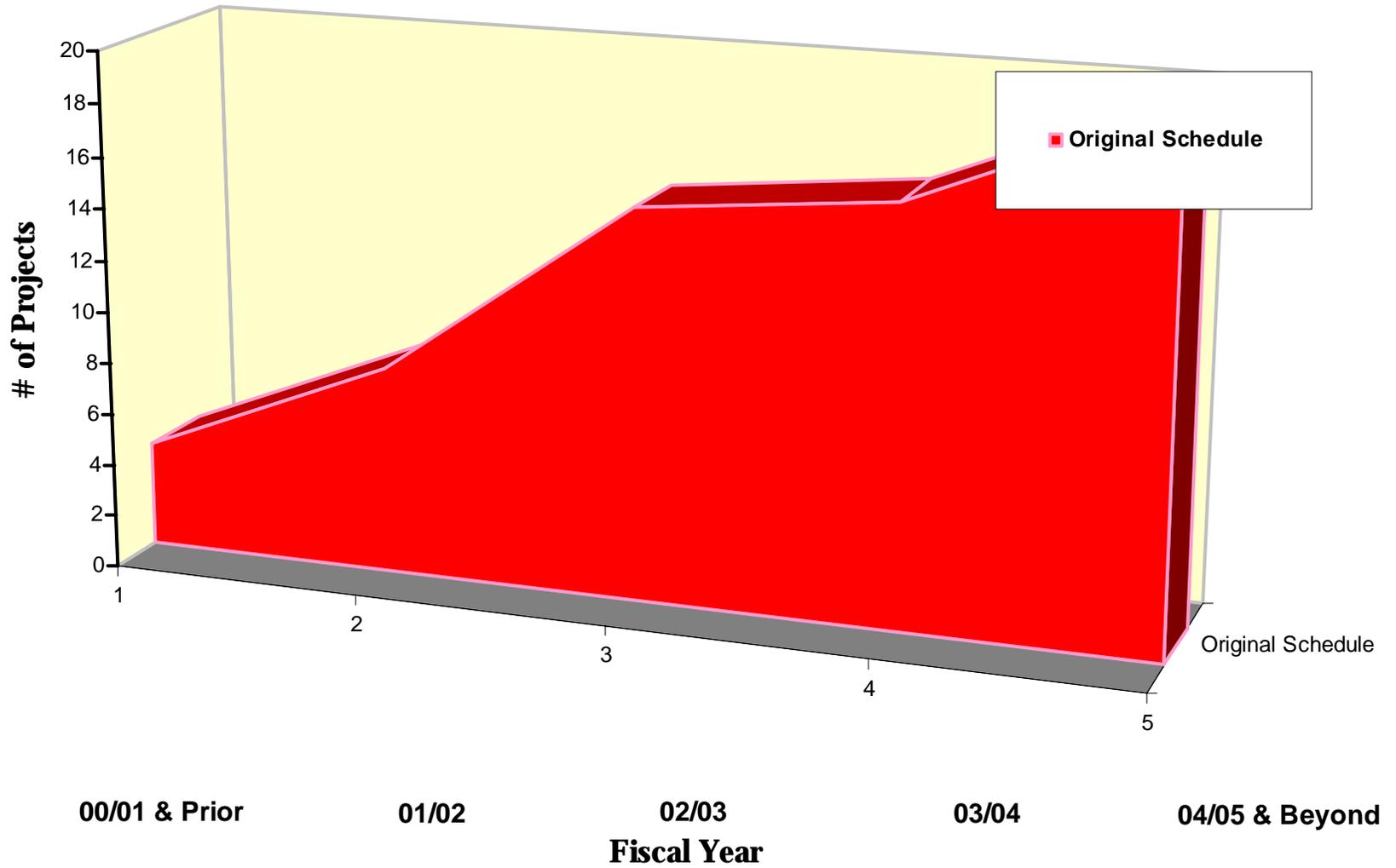
Before July 2000, the program had been restrained by a lack of funding and the unpredictability of programming. As a result, less than 45 percent of the projects were on development schedules that would allow advertisement before FY 2003-04. When the Commission approved the funding, the Department embraced the challenge to complete the program as quickly as possible. By brokering resources between districts, outsourcing tasks when necessary, and utilizing innovative delivery techniques, the project schedules have been compressed and now almost 75 percent are expected to be "Ready to List" for advertisement by the end of FY 2002-03. Two projects have already been constructed and eight others are currently "Ready to List", with construction expected to begin by the end of the calendar year. The Program Manager and enterprising district delivery teams are attempting to meet even more aggressive delivery targets for the remaining projects. With continued innovation and some good breaks, it might be possible to have nearly half of the program delivered by the end of FY 2001-02. While it might not be possible to meet all of these possibly optimistic schedules, the Department is committed to delivering the Retrofit Soundwall Program expeditiously and believes that only the most difficult projects will remain undelivered at the end of FY 2003-04.



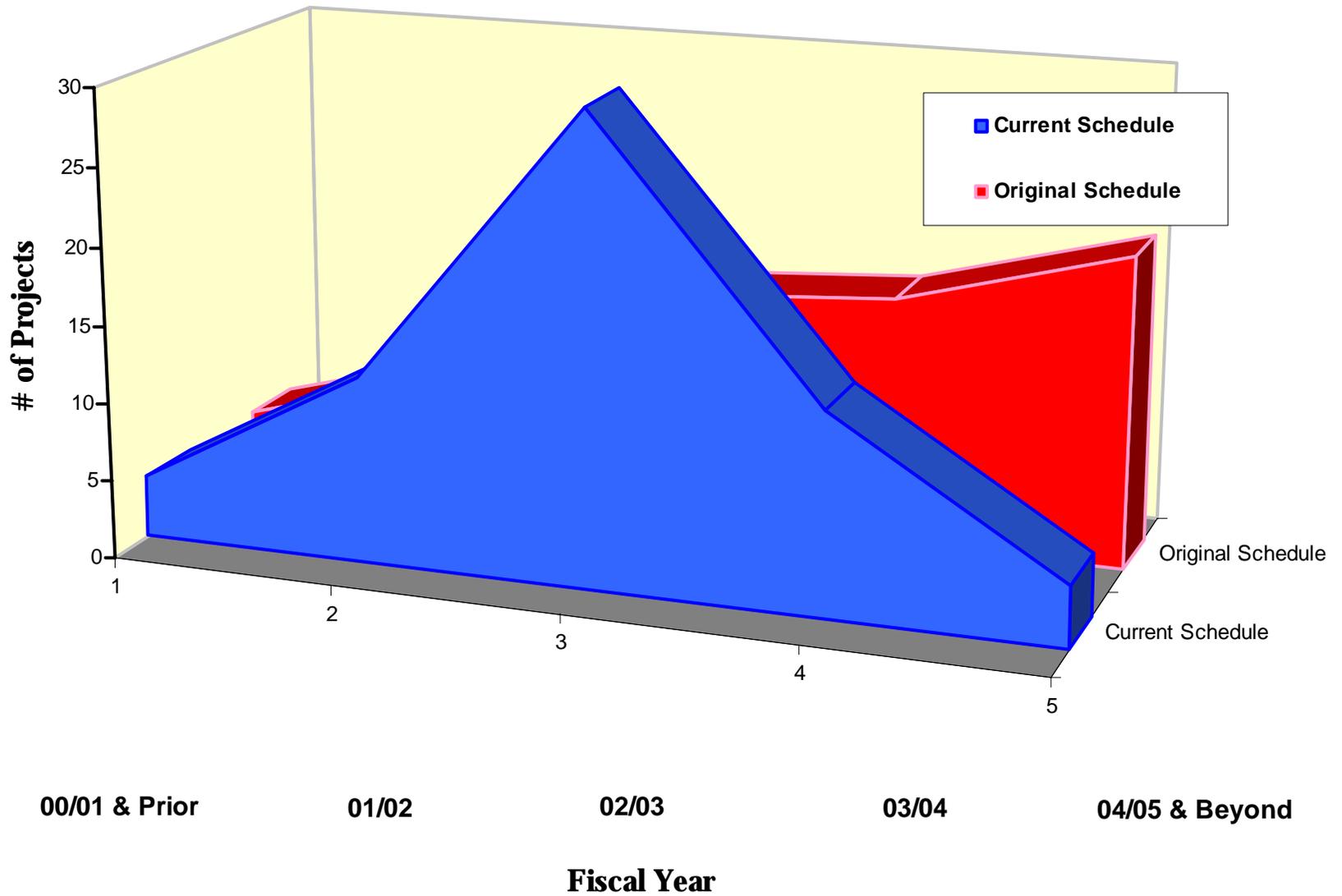
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