

Memorandum

To: Chair and Commissioners

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From: JOHN F. BARNA, JR.

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ISSUE: Should the Commission direct staff to notify the Department of Finance that the status of proposition 1B bond funded projects for which the Commission is the Administrative Agency can be located on the bond accountability website maintained by the Department of Transportation?

RECOMMENDATION: Commission staff recommend that the Commission direct staff to send the attached letter to the Department of Finance.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 88 requires that, as the administrative agency for specific bond programs included in the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, the CTC require that the recipient agencies of these bond funds report on the activities and progress made toward the implementation of each bond funded project. The CTC is expected to forward this report on a semi-annual basis to the Department of Finance.

The Department of Finance has directed that, for efficiency purposes and in an effort to minimize paper use by using electronic media format, departments, at a minimum update the project information on their www.bondaccountability.ca.gov website on a semi-annual basis, on June 30th and January 1st of each year.

The purpose of the attached letter to the Department of Finance is to provide notification that bond funded project information may be found on the website as maintained by Caltrans.

Attachment:

Letter to the Department of Finance Bond Accountability Manager

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Dear Ms. Antony:

Senate Bill (SB) 88 provides implementation requirements to the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality and Port Security Bond Act of 2006. SB 88 designates the California Transportation Commission (CTC) as the administrative agency for the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA), the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF), the Transportation Facilities Account (TFA), the State Route 99 Account (SR 99); the Seismic Retrofit Account (SRA); the Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Account (HRCSA); and the Highway Safety, Rehabilitation and Preservation Account (HSRPA).

As the administrative agency for these programs, the CTC has required that the recipient agency report on the activities and progress made toward the implementation of the bond funded project. The purpose of these reports is to ensure that the project is being executed in a timely fashion, and is within the scope and budget identified when the decision was made to fund the project. The CTC is expected to forward this report to the Department of Finance on a semi-annual basis.

The CTC has requested that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) compile and provide these reports to the CTC on a quarterly basis. Caltrans has also been charged by the Department of Finance (Finance) and the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency to maintain this information on the Proposition 1B Bond Accountability Website. The CTC therefore directs Finance to <http://www.bondaccountability.dot.ca.gov/bondacc/> as the means to fulfill its obligation under SB 88 to furnish these reports to Finance, and will trust that Caltrans will maintain this website at least semi-annually.

If you have any questions, please contact Andre Boutros at (916) 654-4245.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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