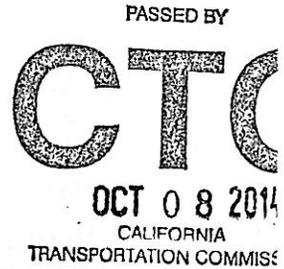


CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
California Public Utilities Commission
Railroad Grade Crossing Protection Maintenance Program
Allocation Set-Aside for \$3.765 Million in FY 2015-16



Resolution #G-14-24

- 1.1 WHEREAS, the Automatic Grade Crossing Protection Maintenance Fund was established by the Legislature in 1965 (Public Utilities Code Section 1231.1) to pay the local share of the cost of maintaining automatic grade crossing protection devices installed by railroad corporations after October 1, 1965; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS, since 1967 a minimum of \$1 million per year has been appropriated by the State Legislature and allocated by the California Transportation Commission to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for its Railroad Grade Crossing Protection Maintenance Program; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS, in 1973 the federal law changed, which resulted in the increased installation and upgrading of automatic grade crossing protection devices; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the total claims submitted by the railroad corporations have substantially exceeded the \$1 million cap since 1977; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, the anticipated claims to be submitted to the CPUC for FY 2015-16 are estimated to be about \$3.765 million, which exceeds the annual \$1 million required allocation set-aside by \$2.765 million; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS, the Commission considered the revenues in the State Highway Account, as well as programs funded through the State Highway Account.
- 2.1 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Transportation Commission approves a \$3.765 million allocation set-aside in the FY 2015-16 Budget for the PUC Railroad Grade Crossing Protection Maintenance Program, in support of the set-aside allocation of \$3.765 million recommended by the PUC.

claims and the numbers and types of warning devices eligible, an allocation of \$3,765,000 will be needed for the 2015-2016 FY and would constitute the minimum amount necessary for that maintenance.

NOTICE

On August 13, 2014, this Resolution was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar.

COMMENTS

The draft resolution of the Commission's Safety and Enforcement Division Rail Crossings Engineering Branch (RCEB) regarding this matter was mailed in accordance with Section 311 of the Public Utilities Code and Rule 14.2(c) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. No comments were received.

FINDINGS

RCEB has reviewed the amount needed to be allocated pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 1231.1 and finds that an amount of \$1,000,000 will be insufficient and finds, instead, that an allocation of \$3,765,000 is the minimum amount necessary for allocation to the Grade Crossing Protection Maintenance Fund for FY 2015-2016.

Therefore, in accordance with Public Utilities Code Section 1231.1, RCEB finds that the Commission should recommend to the CTC that it allocate a sum of \$3,765,000 for the 2015-2016 FY for the purpose of paying to railroad or street railroad corporations the share of the costs to cities and counties of maintaining automatic grade crossing protection/warning devices.

RCEB recommends that the Commission adopt this Resolution.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

The California Public Utilities Commission recommends to the California Transportation Commission that it allocate a sum of \$3,765,000 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year for the purpose of paying to railroad corporations the share of the