

California Local HSIP Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2022
1:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Via Zoom

Attendees:

Robert Peterson, Tricia Tillotson, Chiu Liu, Dennis Acuna, Richard Ke, Paul Moore, Tom Mattson, Jodi Almassy, Mallory Atkinson, John Clerici, Colleen Vidinoff John Asuncion, Bill Sandhu, Rafael Cobain, Sarkes Khachek, B Sandhu, Steve Novotny, Rebecca Neves, Angel Araiza, Maria Bhatti, Cindy Utter, Tracy Coan, Naomi Caietti,

James Trapafolo, City of Redding
William Miller, Shasta County
John Strickland, Compton
Alfredo Martinez, Riverside County
Denise Zitnik, Tuolumne County
Not available, City of Carson

Note: Decisions and Action items in boldface

Item 1. Welcome and Update

- Welcome extended to all attendees, roll call taken and agenda reviewed.

Item 2. Project Update Brief, Redding, Shasta, Compton, Riverside, Tuolumne, and Carson.

Item 2a. Project Update from City of Redding on HSIP6-02-002

James T. presented the project update.

- Project involves adding 6-ft shoulders and minor curve correction on a one-mile section of Old Oregon Trail. Archeological items were discovered at the site.
- On schedule; 90% complete.
- Updated costs will reflect new detailed estimates.
- NEPA completed January of '22.
- Completed CEQA in February '22.
- Moving into Right of Way (ROW) phase; funding anticipated this week.
- Moving toward the construction phase for E76 completion by March 20 '23

Item 2b. Project Update from Shasta County on HSIP7-02-03

William Miller presented the project update.

- Project involves widening existing roadways by paving shoulders in the unincorporated area of Shasta County.
- Archeological delays; project on schedule.
- NEPA certification received last year.
- Moved into ROW phase.

- Construction RFA approval received in May '22.
- Advertised project and moving forward.
- Robert indicated this project reporting for Shasta is complete and can be removed from updates.

Item 2c. Project RFA Extension H8-07-005 City of Compton

John Strickland, Project Manager and Evan Brooks consultant reported on the status of HSIP-07-005 (install of raised medians and Class II bicycle lanes), H8-07-005 (enhancing ped crossing at 15 intersections) and H8-07-006 (20 additional pedestrian heads).

Robert has been meeting with City of Compton staff offline to get these three projects back on track.

John provided a status update and identified key progress milestones as part of the update from the last meeting.

- **HSIP-07-005**
 - 60% plans completion
 - Work in progress to complete a plan by August 10 and submit RFA in December '22 for authorization.
- **H8-07-006**
 - Completion plan and submitting request for authorization in next two months (Aug/Sept) and submit RFA in December '22 for authorization.
- **H8-07-005**
 - 60% plans completion
 - Work in progress to complete a plan by August 10 and submit RFA in December '22 for authorization.
 - Next meeting will be in September and Compton will return for another update.

Robert will continue status meetings with the City of Compton to keep projects on track.

Item 2d. Project Update from County of Riverside on H8-08-021

Alfredo Martinez presented the Gilman Springs Road shoulder widening improvement project update.

- Gilman Springs is a major 2-lane collector, the commuter route between Hemet, San Jacinto to Riverside area.
- Scope change to 4ft painted median with 5ft shoulders. Shoulder width was reduced to prevent they're being used as impromptu passing lanes.
- Animal crossing needed. Design involves an upgrade to the existing box culvert to accommodate this. Wildlife fencing and jump-outs were added. This has caused delays in environmental documents.
- NEPA certification received '21/22.
- CEQA approval in process.

- Plan is to have environmental approved in May 2022 were delayed for questions. Approval anticipated in mid-September '22
- ROW began July '22. Work in progress on ROW acquisitions; held a kickoff meeting with appraisers and offer teams.
- On target to request RFA by December 31, '23.

Item 2e. Project Update from Tuolumne County on HSIP6-10-12

Denise Zitnik and Blossom Scott-Heim presented an update on the Tuolumne Road improvement project to add a left turn lane.

- Denise reported this Cycle 6 project is stalled in utility ROW issues and has requested this committee for multiple extensions.
- Board of Directors has requested that this project be paused for reevaluation due to construction impacts to PGE power line relocation, property owners, and continued rising costs.
- Denise requested for this project to be canceled and Robert asked about the payback of federal funds.
- Denise mention that this project was programmed to reduce head-on traffic collisions and would like to continue this project to help with the safety of the corridor. NEPA was completed.
- Robert recommended a separate meeting to discuss the next steps, scope revisions, and funding and added this as an action item. Chiu Liu will set up a meeting and Maria from FHWA will be included for guidance.

Item 2f. Project Update from County of Carson HSIP6-07-004 & 005

Representatives were not available to present these projects that involve bicycle lanes on 9 major roadway corridor segments, 17 miles in total.

- Steve Novotny will reach out to the Carson representative for status and this project will stay on agenda to report for the next meeting in September '22.

Item 3. Project RFA Extension Requests Carson, Trinity County, and St Helena. Extension requests for Carson, Trinity County, and St Helena; detail of their project's status, challenges, and requested time extensions are below.

3a. City of Carson

Representatives were not available to present the extension request for project H8-07-003.

- Steve Novotny will reach out to Carson's representative for the status on this extension request and this request will stay on agenda to report for the next meeting in September '22.
- This project proposes to construct six (6) intersections – Avalon Blvd at Victoria Street, and Main Street at Sepulveda Blvd.

3b. Trinity County

Andrew Pence presented the extension request for project H8-02-005.

This project proposes to install high friction surface treatments at various locations on Rush Creek Road. The request for extension is due to disaster events recurring since 2016. Every year there had been disasters related to multiple fires in various locations, power outages, storms, flooding, and the COVID pandemic. Staffing shortages and construction contracts have had impacts on the resources that have delayed the schedule.

- NEPA submitted in August '22
- ROW to be approved on September '22
- RFA to be submitted for authorization on October '22
- RFA to be approved by June '23

Robert moved to approve the extensions; Chiu Liu seconded. Committee approved.

3c. City of St. Helena

Mario Traverse presented the extension request for project H9-04-03.

- This project proposes to upgrade Silverado Trail in St Helena with approximately 1,175 lineal feet of existing guardrail and wood posts with new steel posts, new metal guardrail beams, and guardrail delineators. The request for an extension was due to ROW questions and staffing changes. New staff has come onboard and after evaluation of the scope of the existing guardrail to be upgraded the extension will no longer be needed. Mario confirmed the project schedule in now on schedule to be delivered within the approved timeframe for Cycle 9.
 - ROW package submitted for approval by end of August '22
 - RFA submission for authorization by September 1 '22

Item 4. Committee Structure and Charter Discussions

Robert Peterson provided an overview of the Committee Structure, and charter and recommend for the committee review the roles and responsibilities. CTCC will be added to the Committee membership and be filled by Panos.

- The purpose of the committee is to provide high-level balanced strategic guidance to California's local HSIP and other safety programs and efforts regarding safety on California roadways.
- Work with your members and bring items forward that need to be addressed.

Item 5. OA Update and Safety Project Delivery Status

Chiu Liu recapped the status of OA and Safety Project Delivery.

5a. OA Update

- We used up to \$139 million of the '21/'22 budget by the end of June. Our allocation for this year's budget was \$112.1 million; we used an extra \$27.3 million. Anticipated funding for the '22/'23 budget to continue to increase to \$160 million by end of September '22.

5b. Safety Project Delivery Status

- The delay listing is tracking 17 Delayed Safety Projects from Cycles 8-10 and Districts 7,8,10,11. This is a small percentage of delayed projects.
- Challenges in meeting milestones and submitting CONRFA and PE on time.
- Projects in danger of entering Cycle 11 since they are only allowed 1 extension without attending committee.
- Caltrans is reaching out to agencies for these delayed projects; emails are sent out an email for the status of their delayed projects.
- Recommend the committee members also reach out to District contact for a two-pronged approach.
- Only 5 districts have delayed projects.

Item 6. CPFM Pilot Update

Robert Peterson recapped an overview of the Continuous Pavement Friction Monitoring Pilot.

- FHWA provided a presentation and District 8 volunteered some roadway for a pilot.
- Executive management briefing to be provided about the pilot for consideration for implementation of a program at Caltrans.
- Many states are implementing this program.

Item 7. IIJA, SHSP Update, and Safe System Approach

Robert Peterson recapped an overview of the IIJA from his efforts with the CalSTA Safety sub-working group.

- Detailed PowerPoint presentation presented that included slides for HSIP Final Funding Apportionment, hosting local HSIP Committee meetings, addressing HRRR rule through HSIP, and encouraging agencies to adopt a safe-system approach through local road networks.
- Only MPOs, local governments, and tribes can apply for this funding.

Item 8. Tribal Road Pilot Update

Maria Bhatti provided the status of the Tribal Road Pilot

- Met back in June to bundle several projects in Humboldt County and get several tribal agencies together to deliver a single project.
- Tom presented to tribes this HSIP proposal, and four tribes submitted guardrail projects.

- Tom is working with the various agencies and reservations to obtain approval before work can be planned.
- A single application was submitted for this bundled project.

Item 9. Status of Cycle 11 Call for Projects

Richard Ke provided an overview of Cycle 11 Call for Projects for '22/'23.

- Call for projects announced 5/9 and the application deadline is 9/12. Get your applications in; extension not anticipated.
- Local HSIP funding increased from \$180 million to \$210 million.
- 5 set-asides.
- Online seminar delivered May 25th following the Call for Projects on 5/9. Many questions were answered, and a PDF was created and posted to the website.
- No applications have been submitted yet.
- Over delivery of 40 million so ended the year with a deficit.
- Review website for delivery report for OA funds '21-'22. Link <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/projects/delivery-report-of-formula-oa-funds>

Item 10. Roundtable

- Listing to compare requirements for safety action plans for agencies. Maria B. will research this.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 pm.