

Record Redistribution

Feds Reward Caltrans with \$293M for Meeting Project Deadlines



Caltrans photo by Scott Lorenzo

Construction has been completed on the Alondra Boulevard Bridge, the largest of three bridges that were built as part of the \$110 million Santa Ana Freeway (Interstate 5)/Alondra Boulevard Bridge Project.

California was awarded a record \$293 million in extra funding this fall for meeting all of its 2015-16 deadlines for federally funded transportation projects, surpassing its previous record by almost \$90 million.

“Caltrans has been rewarded — yet again — for its on-time and responsible use of federal funding, launching new construction projects prior to federal deadlines,” Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty said in September. “These additional funds will help Caltrans and local transportation agencies to continue to invest in transportation across the state.”

The states receive federal funding for transportation projects each year. Any unused money is redistributed to those states that successfully use all of their federal funds and can spend additional money in a very short period of time. This is called the August Redistribution.

This year, that federal pool totaled \$2.8 billion — of which California received \$293 million, the

most in the nation. New York was a distant second with \$155.8 million. In fact, California collected more in federal dollars through the August Redistribution than 11 other states did for their entire annual allocation.

Caltrans received roughly \$185 million of this extra funding, and local transportation agencies got \$108 million. The funding is prioritized for projects that meet the federal deadline of Sept. 27, 2016.

Most of the projects that receive the August Redistribution are already allocated by the California Transportation Commission and are underway using state dollars until federal money becomes available.

Total August Redistribution funds received by California over the last decade exceed \$1.5 billion, an amount greater than any other state. Caltrans, on average, passes about 39 percent of those dollars through to local agencies, while most of the rest is used to deliver the department’s [State Highway Operation Protection Program](#).

Funding from Other Sources

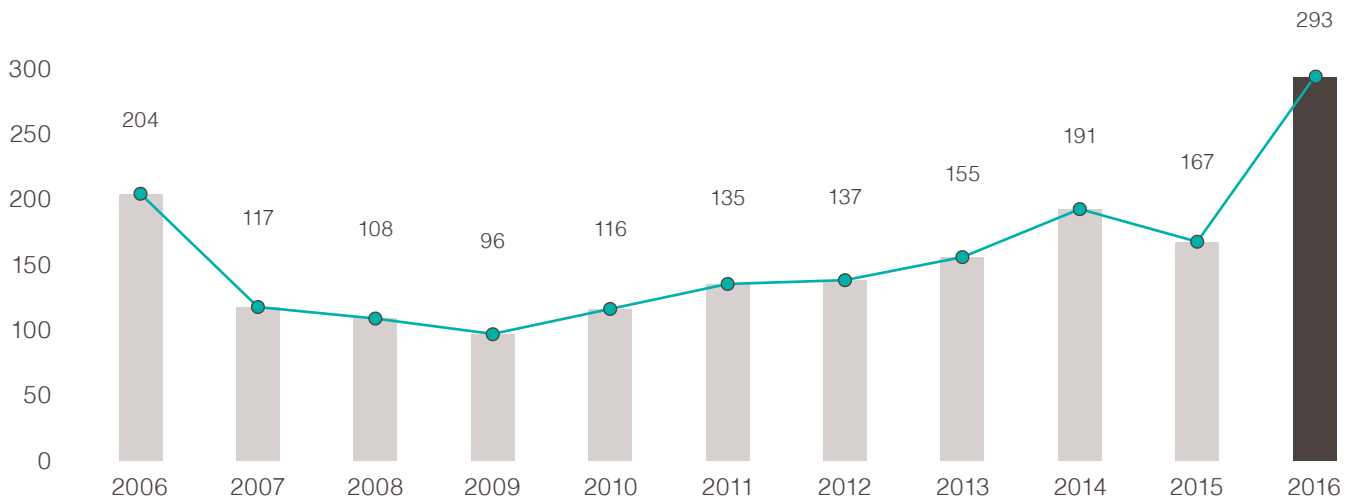
This fall, Caltrans also received an additional \$49.3 million in federal money through Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE) toward construction of the final segment of a new four-lane highway, State Route 11, to the Otay Mesa East Port of Entry, as well as southbound connectors to other highways.

California also collected \$40 million in the eighth round of the highly successful and competitive Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program. Grants were given to the following projects:

- \$10 million for the [Live Oak Streetscape Project](#) (City of Live Oak);
- \$8.7 million for the [Redlands Passenger Rail Project](#) (County of San Bernardino);
- \$15 million for the [Rosecrans/Marquardt Grade Separation Project](#) (Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority);
- \$6.3 million for the [Gateway to Oakland Uptown Project](#) (San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District). **MM**

Source: Caltrans Division of Budgets

August Redistribution to California by Year (in millions of dollars)



Top 20 States Receiving August Redistribution (in millions of dollars)

State	Redistribution	State	Redistribution
California	\$293.1	Indiana	\$72.9
New York	\$155.8	Missouri	\$72.7
Florida	\$150.0	Kentucky	\$68.8
Illinois	\$133.4	Massachusetts	\$65.1
Pennsylvania	\$123.4	Minnesota	\$65.0
Georgia	\$122.2	Arizona	\$62.6
Ohio	\$120.0	Maryland	\$56.3
Michigan	\$103.5	Oklahoma	\$52.0
Virginia	\$90.0	Alabama	\$51.4
Texas	\$75.0	Colorado	\$48.0

Source: U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration