

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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From: SUSAN BRANSEN, Executive Director

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Subject: **Submittal of Revised Proposition 1B Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit Account Guidelines to the Legislature**

Issue:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the submittal of revised Proposition 1B Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit Account Guidelines to the Senate Transportation Committee, the Assembly Transportation Committee, and the Legislative Budget Sub-Committees focused on transportation issues as required by Government Code 14533.1?

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve submittal of the revised Proposition 1B Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit Account Guidelines to the Senate Transportation Committee, the Assembly Transportation Committee, and the Legislative Budget Sub-Committees focused on transportation, noting any specific changes and delegating to the Commission's Executive Director the authority to make any necessary modifications.

Background:

The Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit Program (Program) was initially mandated by Senate Bill (SB) 36X (Kopp, Chapter 18, Statutes of 1989) after the October 17, 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake. A total of 1,235 local bridges in need of seismic retrofit work were identified and included in the Program. Between 1989 and 2002, the California Department of Transportation (Department) administered local bridge seismic safety funding for local agencies, counties, and cities to deliver seismic safety retrofit projects utilizing Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation funds.

The Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 1B) was approved by voters as Proposition 1B on November 7, 2006. Proposition 1B established the Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit Account (Account) in the

amount of \$125 million and specifically dedicated these state funds to provide the 11.5 percent required local match for the seismic retrofit work on local bridges, ramps, and overpasses as identified by the Department. The implementing legislation for the Bond Act, SB 88 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 181, Statutes of 2007), designated the Commission as the administrative agency responsible for programming Account funds and authorized the adoption of guidelines for the use of these funds. In May 2008, the Commission approved resolution LBS1B-G-0708-01 to adopt the Proposition 1B Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit Account Guidelines.

Revisions to the current guidelines are necessary to incorporate changes that outline consequences for local agencies who fail to deliver elements of a project by the approved deadlines in project delivery agreements, and promote the completion of project engineering and delivery of the remaining bridges in the Program to the construction phase.

The Commission reviewed the initial revisions to the guidelines at the June 26-27, 2019 Commission meeting and will review subsequent revisions to the guidelines at the August 14-15, 2019 Commission meeting. Thirty days prior to adopting revisions to the guidelines, the Commission must submit the draft guidelines to the required legislative committees.