

# Memorandum

**To:** CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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**From:** MITCH WEISS, Executive Director

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**Subject:** Adoption of the Traffic Light Synchronization Program Close-Out Policy  
Resolution TLSP-P-2021-06

## **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the Traffic Light Synchronization Program close-out policy with the following provisions:

- The Commission will not consider any program amendments after June 30, 2021.
- The Commission will not consider any allocations after December 31, 2021.
- All funds allocated from the Traffic Light Synchronization Program shall be invoiced on a non-proportional basis.
- After December 31, 2021, any remaining cost savings identified by agencies outside of the City of Los Angeles will be redirected to eligible Senate Bill 1 Program projects with traffic light synchronization elements.
- In order for Los Angeles to maintain the \$150 million of the Traffic Light Synchronization funds as required by statute, any cost savings attributed to the City of Los Angeles will remain available for the City of Los Angeles to expand the scope of current programmed projects consistent with the Traffic Light Synchronization Program.
- All other provisions of the Traffic Light Synchronization Program Guidelines remain in effect.

## **Issue:**

Neither the Traffic Light Synchronization Program Guidelines nor statute provide a sunset provision to close-out the program. The program is over 12 years old and the initial programmed projects are completed. Therefore, Commission staff recommends the Commission approve a policy to close-out the program.

**Background:**

The Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 1B) created the Traffic Light Synchronization Program, approved by the voters on November 7, 2006, authorized \$250 million to fund traffic light synchronization projects and other technology-based improvements to improve safety operations and the effective capacity of local streets and roads.

In 2007, Senate Bill 88 designated the Commission as the administrative agency responsible for the Traffic Light Synchronization Program and directed \$150 million of the funds be allocated to the City of Los Angeles for upgrading and installing traffic light synchronization within its jurisdiction. The remaining \$100 million to be allocated to agencies, other than the City of Los Angeles.

As of June 30, 2020, the Commission has allocated \$150 million to 22 projects sponsored by the City of Los Angeles and the remaining \$100 million to 59 projects sponsored by agencies other than the City of Los Angeles. All 81 projects allocated in the program have completed construction for a total of \$223 million, including \$5 million in bond administration costs.

Attachment:

- Attachment A: Traffic Light Synchronization Program Close-out Policy, Resolution TLSP-P-2021-03

**CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**  
**Proposition 1B Traffic Light Synchronization Program Close-Out Policy**

**RESOLUTION TLSP-P-2021-06**

- 1.1 WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) adopted the Proposition 1B Traffic Light Synchronization Program Guidelines on February 14, 2018; and
  - 1.2 WHEREAS, neither the Traffic Light Synchronization Program Guidelines nor existing statute provide provisions to close-out the program; and
  - 1.3 WHEREAS, the Traffic Light Synchronization Program is over 12 years old and projects initially programmed are completed.
- 2.1 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby adopts the below policy to close-out the Traffic Light Synchronization Program:
- The Commission will not consider any program amendments after June 30, 2021.
  - The Commission will not consider any allocations after December 31, 2021.
  - All funds allocated from the Traffic Light Synchronization Program shall be invoiced on a non-proportional basis.
  - After December 31, 2021, any remaining cost savings identified by agencies outside of the City of Los Angeles will be redirected to eligible Senate Bill 1 Program projects with traffic light synchronization elements.
  - In order for Los Angeles to maintain the \$150 million of the Traffic Light Synchronization funds as required by statute, any cost savings attributed to the City of Los Angeles will remain available for the City of Los Angeles to expand the scope of current programmed projects consistent with the Traffic Light Synchronization Program.
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