Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ)

Changes to Apportionment Distribution

March 22, 2018
Intent of Presentation

• A 20-year milestone is being reached by many federally designated **air basins for carbon monoxide** which will generate changes in federal CMAQ funding for recipient agencies

• Regional agencies are aware of the upcoming changes

• No action is required of the Commission
Purpose of CMAQ

• The CMAQ program started in 1992 to reduce ozone precursors and carbon monoxide emissions from transportation sources to help meet requirements of the Clean Air Act.

• FHWA provides CMAQ funding to states to make improvements to their transportation systems to reduce traffic congestion and emissions.

• California currently receives approximately $470 million per year that must be invested in nonattainment and maintenance areas/air basins.
California Particulars

• The Department distributes all CMAQ funds to regional agencies in nonattainment and maintenance areas/air basins following an established formula per California Streets and Highways Code 182.7

• Per U.S. EPA, most carbon monoxide maintenance areas in the State will reach attainment status on June 30, 2018 which will affect funding distribution amounts, as detailed in the Book Item Attachment, shifting funding among the agencies on a formula driven basis – total State amount remains the same.
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