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Mr. Rafael Martinez  
Department of Transportation  
County of El Dorado  
2850 Fairlane Court, Building C  
Placerville, CA 95667

FTIP/FSTIP ID: **ELD19340**  
Federal Aid Project Number: 5925(098)  
Project Description: Replace Mosquito  
Road Bridge (25C0061) over  
South Fork of American River

Dear Mr. Martinez,

The purpose of this letter is to commit the California Department of Transportation (Department) to fund the replacement of the Mosquito Road Bridge (25C0061) over the South Fork of the American River construction project (Project) consistent with the attached draft project funding sheet. The Department requests the County of El Dorado (Agency) to concur with this proposal and commit local resources to allow the Department to produce a new financially constrained Highway Bridge Program (HBP) list for the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) region. SACOG will then incorporate the revised Program list into the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP).

The Department, in cooperation with the Local Assistance HBP Advisory Committee (California Streets & Highway Code Section 2413), has implemented a policy to fund high cost bridge projects. Members of Local Assistance HBP Advisory Committee include the Department (Chair), representatives from the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties, the California Association of Councils of Governments, California Transportation Commission staff, and the Federal Highway Administration.

It has been demonstrated that high cost projects commit large sums of federal funds but cannot spend the funds in one year due to local agency contract processes, time to mobilize the contractors and the time it takes to actually construct large projects. These idled federal funds could be used to advance other projects. Cash management is critical to effective stewardship of the local assistance HBP.

This letter implements the cash management policy for the Project. The Project is subject to the high cost policy because the Construction phase exceeds \$20 million.

The Department's funding commitments, as shown in the attached draft project funding sheet, are conditional. The conditions are as follows:

1. Agency is responsible for committing (budgetary) non-federal fund sources to fund the Advance Construction (AC) to cash flow the high cost phase of the Project.
2. AC conversion may not be automatic if there are delays in constructing the Project. At least 50% of the federal funds obligated on the Project must be reimbursed to justify future programmed AC conversion.
3. HBP Guidelines authorizes the Department to reserve current year HBP funds for projects programmed in that current year through March 30th. After March 30th, the Department redirects the HBP funds to other projects that may be advanced from future years of the FTIP. Current year programmed AC conversion must be obligated prior to March 30th.
4. Additional AC conversion may be obligated in Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 20/21, 21/22, 22/23 and 23/24 using Expedited Project Selection Procedures (EPSP), if HBP funds are available after April 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.
5. Congress has passed the extension of the current transportation act only for FFY 20/21 but has not authorized a new act. It is unknown what the State's authority to commit and/or obligate future HBP funds will be until there is a new act.
6. If the federal funds for the initial authorization of the Construction phase shown in the attached draft project funding sheet is not obligated in the year programmed, the Agency must commit additional local AC resources on the project in the following year to ensure the Project is fully funded or the project must be removed from the 4 year element of the FTIP until the next FTIP cycle. In either case, the funding commitment in this letter will be vacated and a new letter must be developed.
7. In the event the Project becomes inactive, the funding commitment in this letter may be vacated and a new letter must be developed. An "inactive project" is a project for which no expenditures have been charged against federal funds for the past 12 months. (23CFR630.106(a)(5))
8. Nothing in this letter can be considered a payable contractual commitment by the Department. Contractual commitments to the Agency are made through the procedures/processes defined in the Local Assistance Procedures Manual.

Other Recommendations:

9. The Agency is advised to ensure HBP funds are obligated prior to March 30<sup>th</sup> of any given year or risk losing programmed funds. It is recommended the Agency schedule project authorizations and AC conversions in the late fall of any given year to ensure federal funds are available.

10. This letter, returned to the District Local Assistance Engineer, with Agency approval signature (below) may be used in lieu of the submittal of Exhibit 3-I, Request for Local Advance Construction Authorization, from the Local Assistance Procedures Manual.
11. The local agency is further reminded that this project is subject to mandatory value analysis since the total project cost is in excess of \$40 million. If the total project cost is greater than \$100 million, additional federal oversight will be required such as a multi-year financial plan and other project specific federally mandated oversight.

The Department requests the Agency to commit their local resources consistent with this proposal to allow the Department to produce a new financially constrained bridge program list for the SACOG region.

If you have questions, please contact me at (530) 741-5714 or Vlad Popko of my staff at (530) 741-5453.

Sincerely,

Bomasur Banzon  
D03 District Local Assistance Engineer

Enclosures

- (1) Local Agency AC Commitment Block
- (2) Draft Project Funding Sheet

Local Agency AC Commitment Block  
5925(098)

The Agency agrees to use local funds in lieu of federal funds to finance the cost of work as shown in the attached draft project funding sheets shown as LOCAL FUNDED AC until such time that federal funds become available for obligation and subsequent reimbursement of eligible work. It also is understood that federal reimbursement is not guaranteed for funds identified as LOCAL FUNDED AC.

The Agency understands that work performed prior to federal authorization is ineligible for federal reimbursement and that advertising the construction contract prior to federal authorization will deem the construction and construction phases of work ineligible for federal funds.

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Local Agency Representative Authorized to Commit Local Funds

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name and Title

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- Notes:
- 1) MPOs/RTPA's must not use this listing for programming the RTIP.
  - 2) This is NOT an approved listing for use in developing the FTIP/FSTIP. See the HBP web site for the official proposed FTIP/FSTIP program listings:

Note id: 18

# 2018/19-2023/24 Highway Bridge Program

District: 03 County: El Dorado

Responsible Agency HBP-ID Project Description

El Dorado County 3744 BRIDGE NO. 25C0061, MOSQUITO RD, OVER SOUTH FK AMERICAN RIVER, 5.7 MI NORTH OF US 50. Replace the existing structurally deficient 1 lane bridge with a new 2 lane bridge. 11/2/2010: Toll Credits programmed for PE, R/W, & CON. High Cost Project agreement required.

Project #:  
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Phase Summary:	Prior	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	Beyond	Total
PE	8,000,000								8,000,000
R/W	814,000								814,000
CON				70,500,000					70,500,000
Total	8,814,000			70,500,000					79,314,000

Fund Source Summary:	Prior	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	Beyond	Total
Fed \$	8,814,000				16,300,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	14,200,000	79,314,000
Local Match									
LSSRP Bond									
Local AC				70,500,000	-16,300,000	-20,000,000	-20,000,000	-14,200,000	
Total	8,814,000			70,500,000					79,314,000

PE Summary:	Prior	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	Beyond	Total
Fed \$	8,000,000								8,000,000
Local Match									
LSSRP Bond									
Local AC									
Total	8,000,000								8,000,000

R/W Summary:	Prior	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	Beyond	Total
Fed \$	814,000								814,000
Local Match									
LSSRP Bond									
Local AC									
Total	814,000								814,000

CON Summary:	Prior	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	Beyond	Total
Fed \$					16,300,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	14,200,000	70,500,000
Local Match									
LSSRP Bond									
Local AC				70,500,000	-16,300,000	-20,000,000	-20,000,000	-14,200,000	
Total				70,500,000					70,500,000

# 2018/19-2023/24 Highway Bridge Program

District: 03      County: El Dorado

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**MPO Summary:** Sacramento Area Council Of Governments

Number of Projects: 1

**Totals:**

	Prior	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	Beyond	Total
Fed \$	8,814,000				16,300,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	14,200,000	79,314,000
Local Match									
LSSRP Bond									
Local AC				70,500,000	-16,300,000	-20,000,000	-20,000,000	-14,200,000	
Total for all Phases	8,814,000			70,500,000					79,314,000