

DIVISION OF LOCAL ASSISTANCE



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Welcome to the COIN!

This is a Caltrans Oversight Information Notice, or “COIN” for short. These short, single-topic bulletins are intended to provide outreach information and guidance to local agencies on issues pertaining to Federal-aid projects. They cover a wide variety of subjects, including discussions of findings resulting from process reviews by Caltrans and/or FHWA, changes in procedures or regulations, reminders of existing procedures or best practices, and other timely information. The goal is to ensure proper and timely delivery of Federal-aid projects.

TOPIC: How the federal “Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act,” also known as “MAP-21,” has increased the size of the National Highway System

The recent passage of the federal act “MAP-21,” which became effective October 1, 2012, authorized funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes. In addition, “MAP-21” also significantly increased the size of the National Highway System, or NHS, by including in the NHS other urban and rural principal arterial routes, and border crossings on those routes that were not included in the NHS System before the date of enactment of the MAP-21. Consequently, a number of local agency roadways that were previously not classified as on the NHS have now been added to the NHS. Caltrans has developed a preliminary map entitled “MAP-21 Enhanced NHS” to illustrate the “Pre October 1, 2012 NHS” and the “Post October 1, 2012 NHS” in California. The map is on an external website, and accessible to local agencies as follows:

Go to: <http://dot.ca.gov/hq/tsip/hseb/map21nhs.html>
Click on: Go to [Caltrans Earth](#),
Then click on: Continue
Click on the left column: >Highways
And check the box at: Map 21 Enhanced NHS

You will then be able to navigate the map of California to identify the “Pre October 1, 2012 NHS” and the “Post October 1, 2012 NHS” roadways in California.