# DIVISION OF LOCAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

# HOW TO RE-OBLIGATE FUNDS FOR CLOSED & WITHDRAWN PROJECTS

#### THREE EXAMPLES:

#### **CASE 1: REOBLIGATING FUNDS FOR CLOSED PROJECTS**

## **DEFINITION:**

Project was prematurely closed and the project needs to be re-opened to re-obligate funds for future project activity or for Final Voucher and invoicing purposes.

# \*\*Ask FHWA to RE-OPEN PROJECT

# **Follow these steps:**

- 1. Local Agency submits an invoice to District,
- 2. District reviews invoice and submits to LPA after approval,
- 3. LPA confirms that invoice is ready for payment to District and HQ.
- 4. District submits the following to HQ Implementation:
  - A signed Exhibit 3-G
  - RFA to re-obligate the funds. This includes submittal of LP2K FL, NO FADS
  - A copy of the Invoice
  - An explanation letter from Agency (why project became in-active)
- 5. HQ Area Engineer will send an e-mail to *Jerilynn Fogle* (Districts 5,6,7,8,9,11,12) or *Shun Huey* (Districts 1,2,3,4,10) of FHWA asking to re-open the project. Attach a copy of the invoice and a copy of the confirmation from LPA.
- 6. Once project is re-opened by FHWA, HQ implementation will proceed with an *Informational E-76 de-obligating* the funds to match FMIS balances.
- 7. HQ implementation can proceeds with a new sequence requesting obligation of funds.
- 8. After FHWA re-authorizes the funds, HQ Implementation sends LP2K FL to LPA
- 9. LPA will re-encumber the funds and pay the invoice.

### CASE 2: REOBLIGATING FUNDS FOR PROJECTS WITHDRAWN BY FHWA

#### **DEFINITION:**

**Project was unilaterally deobligated by FHWA**, has **NO** expenditures, and balance is zeroed out.

# \*\*<u>Ask FHWA for project to be RE-ESTABLISHED</u>

# **Follow these steps:**

- 1. Local Agency submits an invoice to District,
- 2. District reviews invoice and submits to LPA after approval,
- 3. LPA confirms that invoice is ready for payment to District and HQ,
- 4. District submits the following to HQ Implementation:
  - A signed Exhibit 3-G
  - A copy of the invoice
  - An explanation letter from Agency (why project became in-active)
- 5. HQ Area Engineer will send an e-mail to Jerilynn Fogle (Districts 5,6,7,8,9,11,12) or Shun Huey (Districts 1,2,3,4,10) of FHWA asking to re-establish the project. Attach a copy of the invoice and a copy of the confirmation from LPA.
- 6. **FHWA will re-establish** the project to its original state (same funds) and no sequence is needed in FADS.
  - \* If original funding is not available, HQ Area Engineer will work with FHWA to determine funding for re-establishment.
  - \*\* In certain instances HQ Area Engineer & FHWA will work with Federal resources to determine steps to re-establish projects (e.g., Transportation Enhancement funds, etc.)
- 7. LPA will pay the invoice.

### CASE 3: RE-OBLIGATING FUNDS FOR PROIECTS WITHDRAWN BY HO ENGINEER

#### **DEFINITION:**

Project was deobligated by HQ Area Engineer, has NO expenditures, and balance is zeroed out.

## \*\*<u>Ask FHWA for project to be RE-ESTABLISHED</u>

# **Follow these steps:**

- 1. Local Agency submits an invoice to District,
- 2. District reviews and submits invoice to LPA after approval,
- 3. LPA confirms that invoice is ready for payment to District and HQ.
- 4. District submits the following to HQ Implementation:
  - A signed Exhibit 3-G
  - A copy of the invoice
  - An explanation letter from Agency (why project became in-active)
- 5. HQ Area Engineer will send an e-mail to *Jerilynn Fogle* (*Districts 5,6,7,8,9,11,12*) or *Shun Huey* (*Districts 1,2,3,4,10*) of FHWA asking to re-establish the project. Attach a copy of the invoice and a copy of the confirmation from LPA.
- 6. Once project is Re-Established, HQ Implementation will proceed with a new sequence requesting obligation of funds.
- 7. After FHWA re-authorizes the funds, HQ Implementation sends revised LP2K FL to LPA.
- 8. LPA will re-encumber the funds and pay the invoice.

# Additional note from LPA:

If notification of re-obligated funds is **NOT** received within **45 days** of invoice receipt by Caltrans, LPA will return invoice to the Local Agency & cc: **DLAE** to resubmit invoice to avoid interest penalty for the project.