Washington State Department of Transportation

Redistributed Obligation Authority (OA)

Background

Washington's Local Agency Federal Obligation Authority Policy was developed seven years ago to ensure delivery of the local share of the Federal Highway (FHWA) program. The policy encourages collaboration and coordination of the MPO/RTPO/County lead agencies to deliver the annual target allocation. The policy included the understanding that funds may be sanctioned if targets were not achieved.

Throughout the years, minor adjustments were made to address nuances that arose, mitigating the need to impose sanctions.

Re-distributed OA

Re-distributed OA will be split at that year's WSDOT/Local pro-rata share, if the statewide local OA is delivered and local projects are available. If received, redistributed OA will first be applied to projects authorized utilizing Advance Construction (AC), and then to additional projects within those lead agencies that met their target by August 1st.

FFY 2019 Results

At the end of FFY 2019, the MPO/County lead agencies met to further discuss the OA policy. It was determined that:

- Simplify the OA policy.
- No sanctions would be applied in FFY 2019.
- \$10 million of re-distributed OA is provided as an increase to the FFY 2020 allocation among the entities that met their target by August 1st.
- FFY 2020 allocations will be increased by the redistributed OA amounts, shown below.

	FFY 2019 Target	August 1st Delivery	Target Over- Delivery as of 8/1/19	% of Total Over- Delivery	Additional FFY 2020 Allocation due to 2019 Re-distributed OA
BFCG	\$2,027,752	\$1,908,010			
CDTC	\$2,377,688	\$637,799			
CWCOG	\$3,348,659	\$2,785,660			
LCV	\$597,184	\$292,998			
PSRC	\$86,796,459	\$102,304,161	\$15,507,702	90.51%	\$9,050,838
RTC	\$5,422,711	\$3,630,194			
SCOG	\$572,342	\$195,743			
SRTC	\$10,074,507	\$9,741,433			
TRPC	\$3,752,895	\$5,265,148	\$1,512,253	8.83%	\$882,604
WCOG	\$1,254,460	\$1,344,996	\$90,535	0.53%	\$52,839
WWVMPO	\$2,027,053	\$2,050,559	\$23,506	0.14%	\$13,719
YVCOG	\$4,520,922	\$1,492,455			
Counties	\$14,374,730	\$9,513,021			
TOTAL	\$137,147,363	\$141,162,178	\$17,133,996	100.00%	\$10,000,000

SRTC under-delivered by \$333K due to unforeseen de-obligations.

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FFY 2019 Redistributed Details

The increase to the specific program's (STBG, TAP, CMAQ) category (urbanized, rural, etc.) allocation is as follows:

FFY 2020 Increased Allocation from FFY 2019 Redistributed OA								
	STBG Urbanized	STBG Urban	CMAQ	TA Urbanized	TA Urban	TOTAL		
	Areas > 200,000	Areas > 5,000 and < 200,000		Areas > 200,000	Areas > 5,000 and < 200,000			
PSRC	6,604,088	2,225,234	186,840	34,676	-	9,050,838		
TRPC	-	773,745	-	-	108,859	882,604		
WCOG	-	26,179	-	-	26,660	52,839		
WWVMPO	-	13,719	-	-	-	13,719		
TOTAL	6,604,088	3,038,877	186,840	34,676	135,519	10,000,000		

The details of the projects utilizing the redistributed OA are provided below.

FFY 2019 Redistributed OA - Details								
	STBG	STBG		TA	TA			
	Urbanized	Urban	CMAQ	Urbanized	Urban	TOTAL		
PSRC								
Tacoma/Brewery District - Phase 1				34,676		34,676		
Tukwila/W. Valley Hwy-Longacres - Phase 1			97,740			97,740		
Tukwila/W. Valley Hwy-Longacres - Phase 2			89,100			89,100		
Kenmore/West Sammamish River Bridge	422,806					422,806		
Tacoma/Taylor Way Rehabilitation	4,000,000					4,000,000		
Kent/Meet Me on Meeker East	235,280					235,280		
Sumner/SR 410-Traffic Avenue	1,176,502					1,176,502		
Federal Way/Adaptive Traffic Control - Phase 3	510,000					510,000		
University Place/67th Avenue	259,500					259,500		
Port Orchard/Tremont Street Widening		1,300,000				1,300,000		
Kitsap Co./Ridgetop Blvd Phase 2		925,234				925,234		
PSRC Total	6,604,088	2,225,234	186,840	34,676	-	9,050,838		
ТКРС								
Olympia/School Zone Beacons					56,959	56,959		
TRPC/School Walk Route Mapping					51,900	51,900		
Olympia/Fones Road		773,745				773,745		
TRPC Total	-	773,745	-	-	108,859	882,604		
WCOG								
Whatcom Co./Birch Bay Drive		26,179			26,660	52,839		
WWVMPO								
Walla Walla/Isaacs Avenue		13,719				13,719		

Next Steps

Revising the Local Agency Federal OA Policy for implementation for FFY 2020. A follow-up meeting to review and finalize the updated policy is anticipated January 2020.