

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1818

Introduced by Assembly Member Melendez

February 8, 2016

An act to amend Section 163 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1818, as introduced, Melendez. Transportation funds.

Existing law establishes a policy for expenditure of certain state and federal funds available to the state for transportation purposes. Under this policy, the Department of Transportation and the California Transportation Commission are required to develop a fund estimate of available funds for purposes of adopting the state transportation improvement program, which is a listing of capital improvement projects.

This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to this provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 163 of the Streets and Highways Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 163. The Legislature, through the enactment of this section,
- 4 intends to establish a policy for the use of all transportation funds
- 5 that are available to the state, including the State Highway Account,
- 6 the Public Transportation Account, and federal funds. For the
- 7 purposes of this section, "federal funds" means any obligational

1 authority to be provided under annual federal transportation
2 appropriations acts. The department and the commission shall
3 prepare fund estimates pursuant to Sections 14524 and 14525 of
4 the Government Code based on the following:

5 (a) Annual expenditures for the administration of the department
6 shall be the same as the most recent Budget Act, adjusted for
7 inflation.

8 (b) Annual expenditures for the maintenance and operation of
9 the state highway system shall be the same as the most recent
10 Budget Act, adjusted for inflation and inventory, or, when a
11 maintenance plan has been enacted pursuant to Section 164.6,
12 maintenance expenditures shall be based on planned expenditures
13 in that plan.

14 (c) Annual expenditure for the rehabilitation of the state highway
15 system shall be the same as the most recent Budget ~~Act~~, *Act* or,
16 when a long-range rehabilitation plan has been enacted pursuant
17 to Section 164.6, shall be based on planned expenditures in that
18 long-range plan.

19 (d) Annual expenditures for local assistance shall be the amount
20 required to fund local assistance programs required by state or
21 federal law or regulations, including, but not limited to, railroad
22 grade crossing maintenance, bicycle transportation account
23 *projects*, congestion mitigation and air quality, regional surface
24 transportation programs, local highway bridge replacement and
25 rehabilitation, local seismic retrofit, local hazard elimination and
26 safety, and local emergency relief.

27 (e) After deducting expenditures for administration, operation,
28 maintenance, local assistance, safety, and rehabilitation pursuant
29 to subdivisions (a), (b), (c), and (d), and for expenditures pursuant
30 to Section 164.56, the remaining funds shall be available for capital
31 improvement projects to be programmed in the state transportation
32 improvement program.