



APRIL 9, 2009

AGENDA ITEM # **13**

FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR CHP FIELD SUPERVISION OF FREEWAY SERVICE PATROL OPERATIONS

Action Requested: Approve agreement with CHP

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Recommendation

Authorize the Executive Director to execute the attached Funding Agreement with the California Highway Patrol for field supervision and related services for the Sacramento Metropolitan Freeway Service Patrol program.

Discussion

For the past four years, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) has received \$4 million annually from Caltrans to provide dispatch, enforcement, training and field supervision for Freeway Service Patrol programs throughout the state. CHP assigns their resources in percentages that closely mirror the FSP funds each program receives from Caltrans. Based on relative congestion, lane miles and population, the Sacramento Metropolitan FSP program receives approximately 4 percent of available statewide resources.

FSP programs the size of Sacramento's should ideally have two officers and two dispatchers (which is how many the region has been assigned in the recent past). However, as other FSP programs in the state have grown or have been added, coupled with rising CHP costs but no corresponding increase in the CHP allocation, there is less and less CHP support to go around. For FY 2009/10, CHP will only be providing one officer and one dispatcher for Sacramento, Yolo and Placer Counties.

The attached agreement is a one-year funding agreement to keep the second CHP officer with the FSP program with funding coming from the Capital Valley SAFE's anticipated FY 2009/10 contribution to the Sacramento FSP program. **This is a one-year agreement only** as FSP programs statewide and Caltrans will be meeting with the California Department of Finance this year to adjust the funding formula and we expect positive changes.

Such funding agreements with CHP have been in effect with the larger FSP programs in the state for years.

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