



**MARCH 13, 2014**

**AGENDA ITEM # 7**

**FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL FOR FIELD SUPERVISION OF THE FREEWAY SERVICE PATROL PROGRAM**

**Action Requested:** Approve funding agreement

**Key Staff:** Norman Hom, Administrative Services Officer III

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**Recommendation**

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

**Discussion**

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) provides dispatch, enforcement, training and field supervision for all of the Freeway Service Patrol programs throughout California from a fixed \$4 million annual allocation from the State. CHP divides its resources among the FSP programs based on percentages that mirror the FSP funds each program receives from Caltrans. Based on a formula involving relative congestion, freeway lane miles and population, the Sacramento Metropolitan FSP program receives approximately 4 percent of the available statewide resources.

Prior to 2009, the \$4 million allocated to CHP for FSP was adequate for CHP to assign two uniformed officers and two dispatchers to the Sacramento, Placer, and Yolo FSP programs. Two officers and two dispatchers represent the ideal amount of coverage for our region's FSP programs. However, due to rising CHP costs and loss of allocation dollars to other FSP programs in the state experiencing greater growth in population and congestion, the Sacramento region's assignment was reduced to one officer and one dispatcher beginning in the 2009-10 fiscal year. Because CHP field support is vital to the efficient everyday operation of FSP, all of the larger FSP programs in the state have supplemental funding agreements with CHP for additional officers and dispatchers. The SacMetro FSP has been funding a portion of the dedicated second officer position and additional dispatch support since 2009 with local matching funds provided by the Capital Valley Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways (SAFE), while the CHP Valley Division has made up the remainder. For FY2014-15, the parties have agreed to the same arrangement as in prior years for a maximum amount of \$149,000. The attached agreement is the same standard one-year funding agreement with CHP as used in previous years.

*Attachment*