



Measure M2 Project N Guidelines

Freeway Service Patrol Project

Overview

The Renewed Measure M (M2) Freeway Program includes funding for Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) as Project N. FSP is a traffic congestion management program designed for the rapid removal of motorists' disabled vehicles from traffic lanes and shoulders, as well as timely response to accidents and other incidents that require removal of debris on the freeways. When M2 was presented to the voters, FSP operated during peak commute hours Monday through Friday. Project N provides \$150 million (in 2006 dollars) to assure this basic level of service through 2041 and permits service hours to be extended as demand and congestion levels increase.

Objectives

- Maintain basic levels of service through 2041
- Increase service levels throughout the week days and on weekends as demand and congestion levels increase

Eligible Expenditures

- Maintain existing service levels. As other revenue sources decline and operating costs increase, Project N funds may be used to maintain the current level of FSP service, including the operation of 34 peak hour service beats, five midday service beats, and two weekend service beats.
- Operate new FSP service beats. Project N funds may be used for contracted towing service; radio and mobile data devices and maintenance supplied by the Orange County Transportation Authority; and supplies associated with the new service. New peak hour, midday, late evening, and weekend service may only be added following a benefit cost analysis resulting in a minimum three to one ratio, meaning that for every dollar invested into FSP service, three dollars of congestion relief is realized.
- Provide FSP service for M2 freeway program of projects. Project N funds may be used, as needed, to pay for the cost of FSP service, on freeway construction projects within the M2 freeway program.
- California Highway Patrol (CHP) supervision. Three CHP officers currently supervise FSP operations, conduct background checks, and train FSP operators. FSP operates from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Project N funds can be used to contract for services of an additional officer and/or pay for overtime to assure that all service hours are appropriately supervised.
- CHP dispatch. Currently, the State of California funds a dispatch position at 20 hours per week for FSP. This level of service is supplemented by dispatchers responsible for 911 calls resulting in FSP being the last priority. Consequently, these delays affect FSP's efficiency. Project N funds can be used to contract for services of an additional dispatcher to assure that FSP calls are prioritized during the hours of heaviest congestion.