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SECTION 6. MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT REQUIREMENTS

It is the intent of the Legislature and the Authority that the Net Revenues allocated to a jurisdiction pursuant to the Ordinance for street and road projects shall be used to supplement existing local discretionary funds being used for transportation improvements. Each jurisdiction is hereby required to annually maintain as a minimum no less than the maintenance of effort amount of local discretionary funds required to be expended by the jurisdiction for local street and road purposes pursuant to the current Ordinance No. 2 for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. The maintenance of effort level for each jurisdiction as determined through this process shall be adjusted effective July 1, 2014 and every three fiscal years thereafter in an amount equal to the percentage change for the Construction Cost Index compiled by Caltrans for the immediately preceding three calendar years, providing that any percentage increase in the maintenance of effort level based on this adjustment shall not exceed the percentage increase in the growth rate in the jurisdiction's general fund revenues over the same time period. The Authority shall not allocate any Net Revenues to any jurisdiction for any fiscal year until that jurisdiction has certified to the Authority that it has included in its budget for that fiscal year an amount of local discretionary funds for streets and roads purposes at least equal to the level of its maintenance of effort requirement. An annual independent audit may be conducted by the Authority to verify that the maintenance of effort requirements are being met by the jurisdiction. Any Net Revenues not allocated pursuant to the maintenance of effort requirement shall be allocated to the remaining eligible jurisdictions according to the formula described in the Ordinance.

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III. REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBLE JURISDICTIONS.

A. In order to be eligible to receive Net Revenues, a jurisdiction shall satisfy and continue to satisfy the following requirements.

1. Congestion Management Program. Comply with the conditions and requirements of the Orange County Congestion Management Program (CMP) pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 65089.

2. Mitigation Fee Program. Assess traffic impacts of new development and require new development to pay a fair share of necessary transportation improvements attributable to the new development.

3. Circulation Element. Adopt and maintain a Circulation Element of the jurisdiction's General Plan consistent with the MPAH.

4. Capital Improvement Program. Adopt and update biennially a six-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The CIP shall include all capital transportation projects, including projects funded by Net Revenues, and shall include transportation projects required to demonstrate compliance with signal synchronization and pavement management requirements.

5. Traffic Forums.

Participate in Traffic Forums to facilitate the planning of traffic signal synchronization programs and projects. Eligible Jurisdictions and Caltrans, in participation with the County of Orange and the Orange County Division of League of Cities, will establish the boundaries for Traffic Forums. The following will be considered when establishing boundaries:

- a. Regional traffic routes and traffic patterns;
- b. Inter-jurisdictional coordination efforts; and
- c. Total number of Traffic Forums.

6. Local Traffic Signal Synchronization Plan. Adopt and maintain a Local Traffic Signal Synchronization Plan which shall identify traffic signal synchronization street routes and traffic signals; include a three-year plan showing costs, available funding and phasing of capital, operations and maintenance of the street routes and traffic signals; and include information on how the street routes and traffic signals may be synchronized with traffic signals on the street routes in adjoining jurisdictions. The Local Traffic Signal Synchronization Master Plan.

7. Pavement Management Plan. Adopt and update biennially a Pavement Management Plan, and issue, using a common format approved by the Authority, a report every two years regarding the status of road pavement conditions and implementation of the Pavement Management Plan.

a. Authority, in consultation with the Eligible Jurisdictions, shall define a countywide management method to inventory, analyze and evaluate road pavement conditions, and a common method to measure improvement of road pavement conditions.

b. The Pavement Management Plan shall be based on: either the Authority's countywide pavement management method or a comparable management method approved by the Authority, and the Authority's method to measure improvement of road pavement conditions.

c. The Pavement Management Plan shall include:

(i) Current status of pavement on roads;

(ii) A six-year plan for road maintenance and rehabilitation, including projects and funding;

(iii) The projected road pavement conditions resulting from the maintenance and rehabilitation plan; and

(iv) Alternative strategies and costs necessary to improve road pavement conditions.

8. Expenditure Report. Adopt an annual Expenditure Report to account for Net Revenues, developer/traffic impact fees, and funds expended by the Eligible Jurisdiction which satisfy the Maintenance of Effort requirements. The Expenditure Report shall be submitted by the end of six (6) months following the end of the jurisdiction's fiscal year and include the following:

a. All Net Revenue fund balances and interest earned.

b. Expenditures identified by type (i.e., capital, operations, administration, etc.), and program or project.

9. Project Final Report. Provide Authority with a Project Final Report within six months following completion of a project funded with Net Revenues.

10. Time Limits for Use of Net Revenues.

a. Agree that Net Revenues for Regional Capacity Program projects and Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program projects shall be expended or encumbered no later than the end of the fiscal year for which the Net Revenues are programmed. A request for extension of the encumbrance deadline for no more than twentyfour months may be submitted to the Authority no less than ninety days prior to the deadline. The Authority may approve one or more requests for extension of the encumbrance deadline.

b. Agree that Net Revenues allocated for any program or project, other than a Regional Capacity Program project or a Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program project, shall be expended or encumbered within three years of receipt. The Authority may grant an extension to the three-year limit, but extensions shall not be granted beyond a total of five years from the date of the initial funding allocation.

c. In the event the time limits for use of Net Revenues are not satisfied then any retained Net Revenues that were allocated to an Eligible Jurisdiction and interest earned thereon shall be returned to the Authority and these Net Revenues and interest earned thereon shall be available for allocation to any project within the same source program.

11. Maintenance of Effort. Annual certification that the Maintenance of Effort requirements of Section 6 of the Ordinance have been satisfied.

12. No Supplanting of Funds. Agree that Net Revenues shall not be used to supplant developer funding which has been or will be committed for any transportation project.

13. Consider, as part of the Eligible Jurisdiction's General Plan, land use planning strategies that accommodate transit and non-motorized transportation.