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JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

CONCERNING THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 03/14/14.

XXX	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to new information or technical issues
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to amendment adopted after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	Non-Concurrence: JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

The Transportation and Energy Committee Report (03/19/14) includes amendments to the bill, however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the committee amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.004	Bill Sponsor amendment - does not change fiscal impact
L.005	Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact and appropriation
J.002	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that appropriates \$3,000,000 General Fund to the Department of Transportation to continue administration of the Safe Routes to School Program. The current appropriation does not reduce the \$20.0 million General Fund set aside in the Joint Budget Committee's FY 2014-15 budget package to fund 2014 legislation.

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Description of Amendments in This Packet

- **J.001** Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to remove the original appropriation and add a provision appropriating \$3,000,000 General Fund to the Department of Transportation to continue administration of the Safe Routes to School Program. Pursuant to direction from the Chairmen of the Appropriations Committees, this amendment includes a provision to access the \$20.0 million General Fund that has been set aside in the Joint Budget Committee's FY 2014-15 budget package to fund 2014 legislation.
- **L.004** Bill Sponsor amendment **L.004** (attached) creates a trigger which reduces the General Fund appropriation by the total amount of moneys received by the Department of Transportation through moneys appropriated by the federal government for the Safe Routes to School Program. Currently, it appears unlikely there will be a federal appropriation for the Safe Routes to School Program in the Moving Ahead With Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), the federal transportation reauthorization bill.
- L.005 Bill Sponsor amendment L.005 (attached) reduces the appropriation from \$3,000,000 General Fund to \$700,000 General Fund for the Department of Transportation to continue administration of the Safe Routes to School Program. This appropriation does not reduce the \$20.0 million General Fund set aside in the Joint Budget Committee's FY 2014-15 budget package to fund 2014 legislation.
- **J.002** Staff has prepared amendment **J.002** (attached) as an alternative to **L.005** to remove the original appropriation and add a provision appropriating \$700,000 General Fund to the Department of Transportation to continue administration of the Safe Routes to School Program. Pursuant to direction from the Chairmen of the Appropriations Committees, this amendment includes a provision to access the \$20.0 million General Fund that has been set aside in the Joint Budget Committee's FY 2014-15 budget package to fund 2014 legislation.

If the Committee chooses to modify the appropriation clause in the bill, it should adopt one of the following amendments: J.001, L.005, or J.002.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2014-15 based on the March 2014 Office of State Planning and Budgeting revenue forecast. The budget package allocates \$20.0 million General Fund to be available to fund 2014 legislation; if the full \$20.0 million is not used to fund legislation, it will be credited to the Controlled Maintenance Trust Fund.