

Memorandum

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To: DISTRICT DEPUTY DIRECTORS for Construction
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Subject: Use of the California Highway Patrol in Construction Work Zones

Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) have an interagency agreement to ensure the safety of workers and the traveling public. The Construction Zone Enhanced Enforcement Program (COZEEP) uses the CHP to assist in traffic control within work zones during certain stages of work. COZEEP is a tool for construction zones and is not intended to replace other temporary traffic control measures.

Recently, Caltrans met with the CHP to explore additional safety measures that both departments can undertake. The CHP agreed to give a higher priority to certain enhancement services when requested by Caltrans:

- Providing multiple CHP units for COZEEP services.
- Conducting speed and driving-under-the-influence (DUI) enforcement in work zones.

These services align with the existing COZEEP interagency agreement. Caltrans and the CHP should provide the services according to the current COZEEP guidelines. See Section 2-215, "Construction Zone Enhanced Enforcement Program," of the *Construction Manual*.

The district deputy director for construction will identify projects that need enhanced DUI and speed enforcement. The request should establish a random pattern similar to DUI checkpoint-style deployment. The resident engineer should monitor projects to document the effectiveness of enhancing safety within the work zones.

Resident engineers need to provide these services within existing COZEEP budget constraints.

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