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TO: Chairs of the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee

FROM: Michael S. Fox *Michael S. Fox*  
Chairman, Board of Transportation

Robert W. Lewis *Robert W. Lewis*  
Chief Operating Officer

RE: Cash Balance Report Pursuant to Session Law 2014-100 §34.23(c)

As of March 31, 2018, the combined end of month closing cash balance of the Highway Fund and the Highway Trust Fund was \$1.8 billion, which is 120 days of working capital. The Department has contractual obligations of \$5.3 billion: outstanding purchase orders of \$324 million and outstanding contracts of \$5.0 billion.

The daily cash balance during March fluctuated between \$1.6 and \$1.8 billion.

Cash balances are projected to continue to fall as a result of the Department's project delivery efforts. Our commitment to expediting projects is reflected in our 2018-2027 STIP. Of the roughly 1,400 projects in the STIP, 500 are being accelerated, and of these 500, 150 are new projects with a value of \$5.3 billion. As of February 2018, \$937 million of these STIP projects have been awarded.

Overall, monthly expenditures in the current fiscal year have tended to be higher than monthly expenditures in previous fiscal years. Through the first nine months of FY 2018, cash expenditures exceeded \$500 million four times; whereas expenditures exceeded the \$500 million threshold only twice in the previous two fiscal years of FY 2016 and FY 2017 and not at all in FY 2015 or FY 2014.

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Attachment: Cash Balance Update

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