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Test Claim 24-TC-03, Stops: Notification by Peace Officers

Dear Director Gmur:

The Department of Finance (Finance) has completed its review of test claim 24-TC-03 submitted to the Commission on State Mandates (Commission) by the County of Los Angeles (Claimant), in which the Claimant alleges it incurred reimbursable, state-mandated costs associated with Chapter 805, Statutes of 2022 (Assembly Bill 2773).

Prior to 2024, peace officers were not required to state the reason for a traffic or pedestrian stop before engaging in questioning. Existing law, Chapter 466, Statutes of 2015 (AB 953), requires each state and local law enforcement agency to annually report to the California Department of Justice (DOJ) on all stops conducted by the agency's peace officers for the preceding calendar year.

Effective January 1, 2024, AB 2773 added section 2806.5 to the Vehicle Code to require peace officers making a traffic or pedestrian stop to state the reason for the stop before engaging in any questioning, unless the officer reasonably believes that doing so presents an imminent threat. AB 2773 requires the peace officer to document the reason for the stop on any citation or police report resulting from the stop, and also requires the law enforcement agency to include this information in the annual report to the DOJ noted above.

The Claimant alleges it incurred \$111,649.19 in state-mandated, reimbursable costs in fiscal year 2023-24 to comply with Vehicle Code section 2806.5(a) and estimates \$37,036.14 in such costs in 2024-25. The claimed costs are for the following purposes:

Printing New Citation Forms:

The Claimant alleges it incurred costs of \$13,618.75 in 2023-24 to print new versions of the citation form. Finance contends these are one-time costs and notes that the Claimant has always been required to print out citation forms. If the Commission deems the costs to be state-mandated, the costs should not be considered ongoing.

Develop Procedures and Train Officers:

The Claimant alleges it incurred costs of \$84,412.87 in 2023-24 to develop procedures, train officers, and brief officers about the duration of a stop. Finance contends that these are one-time costs and notes that the Claimant has always had to train officers and maintain written procedures. These changes would be incorporated into the Claimant's regular training. If the Commission deems the costs to be state-mandated, the costs should not be considered ongoing.

Traffic Stops:

The Claimant alleges it incurred costs of \$13,662.57 in 2023-24 to conduct traffic stops. Finance contends that officers were already conducting traffic stops and already know the reason for the stop, and that providing the reason for the stop verbally is not a new or higher level of service. Further, the costs to provide this verbal notice cannot be reasonably quantified or distinguished from activities occurring before the passage of AB 2773.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Chris Hill, Principal Program Budget Analyst at (916) 445-3274.

Sincerely,

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY EMAIL

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

I am a resident of the County of Sacramento and I am over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action. My place of employment is 980 Ninth Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, California 95814.

On March 18, 2025, I served the:

- **Current Mailing List dated February 28, 2025**
- **Finance's Comments on the Test Claim filed March 18, 2025**

Stops: Notification by Peace Officers, 24-TC-03
Statutes 2022, Chapter 805, Section 5 (AB 2773); Vehicle Code Section 2806.5
County of Los Angeles, Claimant

by making it available on the Commission's website and providing notice of how to locate it to the email addresses provided on the attached mailing list.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on March 18, 2025 at Sacramento, California.



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