

2015-120 AUDIT SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES
California Department of Transportation
Maintenance Program

The audit by the California State Auditor will provide independently developed and verified information related to the methods used by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to make spending decisions related to the Maintenance Program (program) for fiscal years 2010–11 through 2014–15 and to assess the timeliness and effectiveness of the program’s funding for these fiscal years, and will include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Review and evaluate the laws, rules, and regulations significant to the audit objectives.
2. Identify the actual, estimated, and proposed statewide expenditures for the program. Additionally, identify any trends in expenditures and reasons for the trends.
3. Identify the sources of funding for the program and assess the method used by Caltrans to determine the total amount of funding allocated to the statewide program each year. Additionally, determine whether Caltrans has taken advantage of all opportunities to maximize funding for the program and whether any additional sources of funding exist.
4. Review and assess Caltrans’ method of allocating program funding throughout the State and determine whether the distribution of funding is fair and reasonable.
5. To the extent possible, identify the current socioeconomic demographics of each district receiving funding. Additionally, determine the amounts received by those districts in each of the years reviewed.
6. For three districts, including District 7 (Los Angeles and Ventura counties), perform the following to determine whether program funding is used in an effective and timely manner:
 - a. Evaluate the methodology used to estimate and propose maintenance expenditures pertaining to the district.
 - b. Review and assess the method used to identify and prioritize maintenance projects.
 - c. Determine the extent to which the program is properly managed and meeting its goals and objectives.
 - d. For a selection of maintenance projects, determine whether the costs of the projects are reasonable, the completion is timely, and the reasons for any backlogs that exist.
 - e. For a selection of program expenditures, determine whether they were reasonable and allowable.
 - f. Determine the extent to which the district hires, monitors, and evaluates contractors.

