

Audit: Caltrans maintenance spending doesn't match need

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Caltrans is under the microscope after a state audit showed the agency spent \$250,000 to develop a new road maintenance budget model and then abandoned it.

The audit, released Thursday, said the new budget model for the maintenance division, which was created with help from a consultant in 2009, would have allocated money based on what areas needed it most.

"However, we found that the maintenance division abandoned this approach, and instead has based funding allocations to the 12 Caltrans districts on a simple average of historical spending. . . , despite reporting to the Legislature that it was using a more sophisticated method," state Auditor Elaine Howle said in the audit report.

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