

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

February 12, 2020

Agenda Item 4b

California Transportation Commission (CTC) Update

Subject: Update on the January 29-30, 2020 California Transportation Commission meeting.

Background: The California Transportation Commission (CTC) is responsible for programming and allocating certain state funds for the construction of highway, passenger rail, non-motorized facilities, and transit improvements throughout California. The CTC consists of eleven voting members and two non-voting ex-officio members. The San Francisco Bay Area has two (2) CTC members residing in its geographic area: Bob Alvarado (Executive Officer, Northern California Carpenters Regional Council) and Carl Guardino (President and CEO, Silicon Valley Leadership Group).

January CTC Meeting (January 29-30, Sacramento, CA)

The CTC discussed the following issues of significance to the region.

Statewide Policies and Programs

The CTC received updates on the following items:

- California Freight Mobility Plan. Caltrans released the draft plan for public comment in early December. MTC staff reviewed the draft Plan and provided comments to Caltrans in cooperation with other regional agencies including the Air District, Port of Oakland, and Alameda County Transportation Commission. The plan may affect how the State programs SB1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program funds.
- Draft 2020 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP). Caltrans will present an update on the draft 2020 SHOPP. As of mid-January, Caltrans had not yet shared the draft 2020 SHOPP with regional agencies, a concern shared by CTC staff. The SHOPP should be consistent with the adopted Asset Management Plan, which prioritizes SHOPP investments. MTC staff will continue to monitor the SHOPP and comment as appropriate.
- Draft 2019 Program of Projects for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities. Caltrans and CTC released the draft program of projects for the FTA Section 5310 program. The prioritized list includes 6 projects totaling \$1,373,200 for Bay Area applicants. However, 11 projects from the Bay Area were not included in the draft list. MTC staff is working with Caltrans to fix the oversight, and Caltrans will release an updated draft project list. MTC staff will continue to recommend program changes to Caltrans requiring more input and oversight from Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies to minimize future oversights.

Senate Bill 1 Program Updates and Actions. The CTC approved the following items related to SB 1 implementation:

- Final Solutions for Congested Corridors (SCC) Program Guidelines. CTC adopted the final guidelines for the SCC Program and authorized the Call for Projects. Applications for the SCC Program are due by June 30, 2020.

- Draft Guidelines for Other Competitive Programs. CTC staff presented draft guidelines for the other CTC-administered competitive program authorized by SB1: Local Partnership Program and Trade Corridor Enhancement Program. Both programs are scheduled for final adoption in March, with applications due by June 12 and July 15, respectively. CTC's current schedule targets competitive program adoption in December 2020.
- Active Transportation Program Draft Guidelines. SB1 provides an additional \$100 million annually to the Active Transportation Program (ATP). CTC staff presented draft guidelines for Cycle 5 of the Statewide ATP. Specific highlights are covered under item 3a of this month's Programming and Allocations Committee meeting.

Allocations, Extensions, and Amendments. The CTC approved the following:

- Funding allocations for three Active Transportation Program (ATP) projects in Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Francisco Counties;
- Funding allocation for one State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) project in San Mateo County; and
- Contract award extension for one Local Partnership Formulaic Program project in Martinez (Contra Costa County).

MTC staff will continue to work with project sponsors of ATP and other CTC-managed programs to meet CTC delivery deadlines and requirements.

CTC Appoints New Executive Director and Selects New Leadership

The CTC announced Mitchell Weiss as the new CTC Executive Director. Mr. Weiss replaces Susan Bransen, who retired this month. The CTC also elected Commissioner Paul Van Konynenburg (Modesto) as chair for the upcoming year, and Commissioner Hilary Norton (Los Angeles) as vice-chair.

CTC Commissioner Updates

In January 2020, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon appointed Dr. Joseph Lyou to the CTC. Dr. Lyou is the President and CEO of the Coalition for Clean Air, a non-profit based in Los Angeles. Separately, CTC Commissioner Tamika Butler resigned from the CTC in January 2020. Ms. Butler was a governor appointee.

The next CTC meeting is scheduled for March 25-26, 2020 in Santa Barbara, CA.

Issues: None.

Recommendation: Information. No action required.

Attachments: None.



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