

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

July 12, 2023

Agenda Item 4b - 23-0926

California Transportation Commission (CTC) and State Funding Programs Update

Subject:

Update on California Transportation Commission (CTC) and state funding programs under the CTC's purview.

Background:

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) is responsible for programming and allocating certain state and federal transportation funds for the planning and implementation of highway, passenger rail, non-motorized facilities, and transit improvements throughout California. Among other transportation funding programs, the CTC approves programming and allocations for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP); State Active Transportation Program (ATP) and various Senate Bill 1 (SB1) programs including Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP); Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) and the Local Partnership Program (LPP). The CTC allocates funds for projects in the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP), following project selection by the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA).

The CTC consists of eleven voting members and two non-voting ex-officio members. The San Francisco Bay Area has three (3) CTC members residing in its geographic area: Jay Bradshaw (Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Northern California Carpenters Regional Council), Darnell Grisby (Senior Vice President, Beneficial State Foundation), and Vice-Chair Carl Guardino (Vice President of Government Affairs, Tarana Wireless).

June CTC Emergency Meeting (June 2, Virtual Only)

The CTC held an emergency meeting on Friday June 2, 2023, in response to the federal debt ceiling deal that included a rescission of nearly \$300 million statewide in unobligated Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) funds managed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The CTC approved policy and program changes to state funding programs where CRRSAA funds were included. CTC also approved lump sum and project specific allocations including one STIP project in San Mateo County. The

CTC actions from this meeting enabled CTC staff, Caltrans, MTC staff, and local sponsors to obligate \$43 million in CRRSAA funding in the Bay Area prior to the rescission. CTC staff and Caltrans are working to reconcile all the actions following the CTC meeting and will provide an update on all the actions at the August CTC meeting.

June CTC Meeting (June 28-29, Suisun City)

The CTC met and discussed the following items of regional significance.

Senate Bill 1 Competitive Programs Adoption

The CTC adopted CTC staff recommendations for programming \$1.7 billion statewide in three SB1 competitive programs: the SCC Program, TCEP, and LPP Competitive Program (LPP-C). The Bay Area received \$363 million in new SB1 money for 10 projects. The amount of money going to Bay Area projects represents 21% of the entire amount available statewide. The recommendations recognize the Bay Area’s nominations are critical to implementing state and regional goals, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions and providing an alternative to single-occupant vehicles. MTC will work closely with our county and state counterparts to ensure successful delivery of these projects, which are listed in county order in the table below.

County	Project	Award (\$M)	SB1 Program
Alameda	East Bay Greenway Multimodal - North Segment Project Phase 1	\$39	SCC
Alameda	Port of Oakland Green Power Microgrid	\$42	TCEP
Alameda	TOWN Rail Safety Improvements	\$30	TCEP
Alameda	Oakland Alameda Access Project	\$25	LPP-C
Contra Costa	I-80 San Pablo Dam Rd. Interchange Improvements Ph 2	\$20	TCEP
San Mateo	SamTrans Emission Zero Project	\$15	LPP-C
Santa Clara	Mountain View Transit Center Grade Separation and Access Project	\$25	LPP-C
Solano	Westbound I-80 Cordelia Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility	\$129	TCEP

Sonoma	SMART Windsor Rail System Extension Project	\$30	SCC
Sonoma	US 101/Hearn Ave Regional Multimodal Interchange	\$9	LPP-C
Total		\$363	

MTC submitted a letter to CTC Chair Lee Ann Eager supporting CTC’s staff recommendations on June 23rd. The letter is attached to this memo as information.

2024 State Transportation Improvement Program Draft Fund Estimate

CTC received the draft 2024 STIP Fund Estimate (FE), which will guide the programming of STIP funds. The 2024 STIP is expected to provide about \$239 million in new programming capacity to the region. Like previous STIP cycles, the CTC is expected to adopt the STIP FE and Guidelines in August 2023, and MTC will submit proposals for the regional portion of the STIP (i.e. the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)) by December 15, 2023. MTC staff will work with the County Transportation Agencies on developing the RTIP Guidelines this Summer, with the Commission considering adoption of the RTIP Guidelines in September 2023.

Allocations, Extensions, and Amendments.

The CTC approved the following:

Allocations. For construction phase allocations, CTC provides a six-month deadline to award a construction contract.

- Funding allocations for three STIP projects in Solano (2) and Sonoma Counties.
- Funding allocation for eleven Local Partnership Formulaic Program (LPP-F) projects in Alameda, Contra Costa County (4), Marin (2), San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Sonoma Counties.
- Funding allocations for multiple phases of one ATP project in Contra Costa County.
- Funding allocations for two TIRCP projects sponsored by the Cities of Cupertino and Petaluma.
- Funding allocation for one Short Line Rail Improvement Program (SLRIP) project sponsored by Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART).

Extensions.

- Project allocation extension for one STIP project in Contra Costa County.
- Project allocation extension for four LPP-F projects in Contra Costa, Napa, San Francisco, and Sonoma Counties.
- Project allocation extension for three ATP projects in San Francisco, Santa Clara, and Solano Counties.
- Project award extension for one ATP in Santa Clara County.
- Project expenditure extension for one TCEP project in Solano County.

Amendments.

- Program amendments to seven STIP projects for action in Contra Costa (3), San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Sonoma (2) Counties.
- Allocation amendment to one SCC project in Alameda County.
- Allocation amendment to one TCEP project in Solano County.
- Funding distribution amendment for San Francisco County in the LPP-F.
- Program amendment to add two LPP-F projects in Napa County.

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

Commission Changes

The CTC appointed Tanisha Taylor as the Commission's new executive director effective Wednesday, June 28.

Next Steps:

The next CTC meeting is scheduled for August 16-17, 2023, to be held in San Diego and online.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

Information. No action required.

Attachments:

Letter of Support to CTC Chair Lee Ann Eager

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RE: Senate Bill 1 Competitive Programs Staff Recommendations – Letter of Support

Dear Chair Eager:

On June 8, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) staff released its recommendations for the proposed programming of three Senate Bill 1 (SB1) competitive programs: the Solutions for Congested Corridors (SCC) Program, Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP), and Local Partnership Competitive Program (LPP-C). The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) offers its strong support for the project lists proposed by CTC staff. MTC thanks the CTC staff for their hard work, and believes their recommendations represent a geographically equitable list of projects that balances state goals of greenhouse gas emissions reduction, traveler and goods movement connectivity, and promotion of alternative modes to single-occupant vehicles.

MTC and our Bay Area partners took a comprehensive approach to select the region's nominations for the SCC and TCEP programs. The approach included adoption of prioritization principles that promote early project delivery and advance state and regional goals. MTC used these principles to select and rank, where appropriate, project nominations to forward to the CTC. All nominated projects are consistent with and further the goals of *Plan Bay Area 2050*, the Bay Area's current Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

The ten Bay Area projects recommended for SB1 funding will leverage multiple times more federal, regional, and local funds and create much-needed transportation jobs during the current pandemic. The recommended Bay Area projects are:

- East Bay Greenway Multimodal - North Segment Project Phase 1 is a longstanding community vision for a regional trail facility connecting along the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) corridor in Central and Southern Alameda County. The \$39 million in SCC funds will complete the funding plan and leverage \$20 million in regional Active Transportation Program Cycle 6 funding for the project. Construction can begin in fiscal year 2025.
- SMART Windsor Rail System Extension Project includes a new passenger rail station at the Town of Windsor, the thirteenth station in the SMART system, near transit-oriented Downtown Windsor, the Windsor Town Green, and within a 390-acre Station Area Plan expecting 1,230 new residential units. The \$30 million in SCC funds will complete the funding plan and leverage \$40 million in Regional Measure 3 toll funding for the project. Construction can begin in 2024.

- Port of Oakland Green Power Microgrid will enable the Port to support a high number of electric vehicles, increase the renewable energy mix available to the Port and surrounding communities. The \$42 million in TCEP funds will complete the funding plan. Construction can begin in 2024.
- TOWN Rail Safety Improvements will reconstruct and upgrade three at-grade crossings at Market Street, Martin Luther King Jr. Way, and Clay Street to current standards, including new railroad and pedestrian crossing arms and equipment, directional signage, pavement delineation, and intersection lighting. The \$30 million in TCEP funds will complete the funding plan. Construction can begin in fiscal year 2025.
- I-80 San Pablo Dam Rd. Interchange Improvements Ph. 2 will construct McBryde connector road, reconstruct SPDR overcrossing and ramps, construct Wildcat Creek Bridge, widen SPDR and realign Amador Street & add missing sidewalks east of SPDR interchange. The \$20 million in TCEP funds will complete the funding plan for the right-of-way phase and leverage \$4 million in State Transportation Improvement Program funding. Construction can begin in 2025.
- Westbound I-80 Cordelia Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility will replace the existing, dated, and under capacity westbound scales with a new and modernized facility located approximately 0.7 miles east from its current location in Cordelia. The \$129 million in TCEP funds will complete the funding plan. Construction can begin in 2024.
- LPP-C funds will complete four Bay Area projects: Oakland Alameda Access Project in Alameda (\$25 million LPP-C); SamTrans Emission Zero Project in San Mateo (\$15 million LPP-C); Mountain View Transit Center Grade Separation and Access Project in Santa Clara County (\$25 million LPP-C); and US 101/Hearn Ave Regional Multimodal Interchange in Sonoma County (\$9 million LPP-C)

While not all nominated projects were recommended for funding due to requests far exceeding limited available resources, the staff recommendations strike a good balance among transportation needs, environmental sensitivities, and geographic considerations. MTC appreciates your staff's collaboration and dedication in developing program guidelines through an open and inclusive process, and evaluating all nominations fairly based on criteria established in the guidelines.

MTC looks forward to working with project sponsors, the Commission, and Caltrans to deliver these critical transportation improvement projects across the San Francisco Bay Area region. Please contact Theresa Romell, Director of Funding Policy and Programs, at 415-778-6772 or via email at tromell@bayareametro.gov if you need further information.

Sincerely,



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