

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
Programming and Allocations Committee**

September 9, 2015

Agenda Item 5a

**California Transportation Commission Update**

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**Subject:** Update on the August 2015 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 three (3) CTC members residing in its geographic area: Vice-Chair Bob Alvarado, Jim Ghielmetti, and Carl Guardino.

**August CTC Meeting (August 27, San Diego, California)**

The Commission discussed the following issues of significance to the Bay Area:

**2016 STIP Fund Estimate and Guidelines Approved**

The CTC approved the 2016 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Fund Estimate and Guidelines. The 2016 STIP has \$46 million in new capacity statewide, compared to \$1.3 billion in the previous STIP (2014 STIP). This substantial reduction in new STIP funding is the result of recent low gas prices and the corresponding reduction in tax revenue. Due to limited new capacity, CTC will not entertain any new project programming unless existing projects are deleted from the STIP. The Bay Area's Policies and Procedures for the 2016 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), which is a component of the STIP, is on this month's Programming and Allocations Committee agenda as item 2h.

**Other CTC Actions / Items**

The CTC also discussed the following:

- **Statewide Consensus Principles for Federal Reauthorization Approved.** The CTC adopted statewide consensus principles for the development of the next federal surface transportation act. MTC staff participated in the development of these principles, and supports the state's goal of creating a united advocacy platform.
- **ITSP Deferred.** CTC deferred approving Caltrans's 2015 Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan (ITSP) in order to give more time for review. CTC will consider the 2015 ITSP in October.
- **STIP Allocations.** CTC approved allocations of STIP funds for Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's (VTA) I-680 Soundwall (environmental phase), and Planning, Programming, and Monitoring (PPM) funds for various Bay Area counties and MTC.
- **ATP Allocations.** CTC approved allocations of ATP funds for City of Albany (Alameda County) and San Francisco.
- **TCRP Allocations.** CTC approved Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) funds for the Richmond BART Parking Structure. TCRP funds will partially repay Richmond's local funds advanced to complete the project.

October CTC Meeting

CTC will hold its next meeting in Oakland, October 21-22. As plans are finalized, MTC and CTC staff will publicize the details to all interested parties.

**Issues:** None.

**Recommendation:** Information. No action required.

**Attachments:** None

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