

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
Programming and Allocations Committee**

January 13, 2016

Agenda Item 4a

**California Transportation Commission Update**

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**Subject:** Update on the December 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.

**December CTC Meeting (December 9-10, Riverside, California)**

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

**FY 2015-16 STIP Allocation Plan Priorities Approved**

Due to the shortfall of STIP funds this fiscal year, CTC adopted criteria to prioritize which projects will receive funding. Based on these criteria, only one Bay Area project would receive funds: a landscape mitigation project in Marin County. The remaining eight projects in the region programmed this year fall below the line of available funds, and will likely be delayed. This includes \$34 million for two Jepson Parkway segments in Solano County, and \$407,000 for the Civic Center Drive Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements in Marin County – both of which were slated for allocation in December. CTC deferred nearly all allocations until January, pending adoption of an Allocation Plan Project List.

**Other CTC Actions / Items**

The CTC also discussed the following:

- 2016 STIP. Expecting a further decrease in the price-based gasoline excise tax (which funds the STIP), CTC requested that Caltrans prepare an updated STIP Fund Estimate (FE) reflecting the expected revenue decrease. This may mean the region must delete programmed projects from the STIP to remain financially constrained. An updated STIP FE will be considered at the January CTC meeting.
- STIP Supplemental Funds Allocation. CTC allocated an additional \$2.5 million in STIP funds to Caltrans for the completion of the US-101 Petaluma River Bridge Replacement project in Sonoma County.
- Cap and Trade Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) Allocation. CTC allocated \$41.2 million in TIRCP funds for San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (MTA's) purchase of eight light rail vehicles.
- Proposition 1B SLPP Extension. CTC approved a project completion extension for the procurement of AC Transit buses, using Proposition 1B State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) funds.

The next CTC meeting is scheduled for January 20-21, 2016 in Sacramento, CA.

**Issues:** None.

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

**Attachments:** None