

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
Programming and Allocations Committee**

**February 10, 2016**

**Agenda Item 5b**

**California Transportation Commission Update**

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**Subject:** Update on the January 2016 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. Assembly Speaker Atkins recently nominated Christine Kehoe of San Diego to serve on the CTC, replacing Dario Frommer of Los Angeles. Also at the January meeting, Executive Director Will Kempton announced his retirement from CTC effective the end of March.

**January CTC Meeting (January 20-21, Sacramento, California)**

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

**2016 STIP Fund Estimate Revision Approved**

The CTC approved a revised 2016 STIP Fund Estimate that calls for deleting \$754 million of existing programming statewide from currently-programmed STIP projects representing close to 40% of the STIP. The reduction is in response to the expected further decrease in the price-based excise tax (which funds the STIP) due to low gasoline prices. For the Bay Area, an estimated \$80-96 million may need to be deleted from Bay Area STIP projects. MTC staff will work with Congestion Management Agency (CMA) staff to identify an approach to respond to CTC. The CMAs will consider any program changes in February, and MTC will consider adopting a revised RTIP in March to submit to CTC. CTC will approve the final 2016 STIP at its May meeting.

**Other CTC Actions / Items**

The CTC also discussed the following:

- FY 2015-16 STIP Allocations. The CTC allocated two STIP projects in Marin County: North Civic Center Drive Improvements for \$407,000, and Miller Creek Bike Path for \$362,000.
- SHOPP Supplemental Funds Allocation. CTC allocated an additional \$1.3 million in SHOPP funds to Caltrans for the completion of the I-580 Pavement Rehabilitation project in Oakland (Alameda County).
- Cap and Trade Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) Guidelines. CTC approved the TIRCP Guidelines as presented by the State Transportation Agency.
- ATP Allocations. CTC allocated three ATP projects: \$0.8 million for the Port Chicago Bike/Pedestrian Improvement (Contra Costa County), \$1.6 million for the Contra Costa Blvd. Improvements (Pleasant Hill, Contra Costa County), and \$0.3 million for the John Yehall Chin Safe Routes to School project (San Francisco County).

The next CTC meeting is scheduled for March 16-17, 2016 in Orange County, CA.

**Issues:** The revised 2016 STIP Fund Estimate and deletion of projects will pose a great hardship to project sponsors depending on STIP funds for their projects. MTC is considering a number of options to respond to CTC's request for project deletions. This may include identification of projects for deletion, or leaving the deletion decisions to CTC. A regional approach will be presented for consideration at the March Programming and Allocations Committee meeting.

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

**Attachments:** None

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