

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
Programming and Allocations Committee**

November 9, 2016

Agenda Item 6a

**California Transportation Commission Update**

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**Subject:** Update on the October 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: Chair Bob Alvarado, Jim Ghielmetti, and Carl Guardino.

**October CTC Meeting (October 19-20, San José, California)**

The Commission discussed the following issues of significance to the region:

**ATP Fund Estimate and Guidelines Revision**

The Governor recently signed AB 613 into law, which appropriated \$10 million from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) for the Active Transportation Program. This addition required the CTC to amend the ATP Fund Estimate (FE) and Guidelines to reflect the additional funds from GGRF and federal sources, and additional restrictions of the GGRF monies. The MTC region will see a \$1.5 million increase to the programming capacity available for the regional share of ATP. Revised programming targets will be considered with the regional ATP programming action item, for consideration in December.

**STIP Allocation for SR-92/El Camino Real Interchange in San Mateo**

The CTC allocated \$5 million in STIP funds for the SR-92/SR-82 (El Camino Real) Interchange project in San Mateo County. The project was originally delayed to next fiscal year due to lack of funds in the 2016 STIP; however, the State had additional capacity due to other delays which allowed for the funds to be advanced.

**Other CTC Actions / Items**

The CTC also discussed the following:

- **NEPA Assignment.** The Federal Highway Administration currently assigns approval of federal environmental documents (complying with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)) to California. However, California's "waiver of sovereign immunity" expires at the end of this calendar year, and requires a legislative fix. Without an emergency bill to renew California's waiver, approval of federal environmental documents may be greatly delayed. The CTC will continue to work with the Legislature on a fix to prevent unnecessary delays to environmental document consideration and approval.
- **Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP).** In August, the California State Transportation Agency announced the award of

\$390 million in TIRCP grants, of which \$85 million will benefit Bay Area transit operators (Caltrain, SF MTA, and VTA).

- **Approval of Airspace Lease Agreement.** The CTC approved a below-market value lease to the Transbay Joint Powers Authority and the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway, and Transportation District for bus parking under I-80 in San Francisco. The lease will allow bus parking near the Transbay Terminal and avoid bus deadheading.
- **STIP Funding Allocations.** CTC allocated STIP funds for the Concord BART Bicycle/Pedestrian Access Improvement project in Contra Costa County.
- **ATP Funding Allocations.** CTC allocated ATP funds to two projects in the Bay Area: one in Berkeley, and one in Contra Costa County.
- **Deadline Extensions.** The CTC approved various deadline extensions, including for ATP award (Alameda County), ITIP Completion (Emeryville), and SLPP Completion (VTA).

The next CTC meeting is scheduled for December 7-8, 2016 in Riverside, CA.

**Issues:** None.

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

**Attachments:** None.