

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
Programming and Allocations Committee**

**March 8, 2017**

**Agenda Item 5a**

**California Transportation Commission Update**

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**Subject:** Update on the March 2017 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: Bob Alvarado, Jim Ghielmetti, and Carl Guardino.

**March CTC Meeting (March 15-16, Los Angeles, California)**

The Commission is scheduled to discuss the following issues of significance to the region. Note that the meeting date is after the committee meeting; any important updates will be presented at the April Committee meeting.

**Adoption of 2017 Regional Active Transportation Programs**

The CTC will adopt the 2017 Regional ATP, including MTC's program. MTC approved the 2017 Regional ATP program in January 2017. The Bay Area's program includes 14 projects totaling \$22 million. Staff does not anticipate any issues with the adoption of the region's programming, though Caltrans continues to examine the eligibility and deliverability of MTC's projects. Any substantive changes would return to MTC and CTC as an amendment to the program.

**California Freight Investment Program (CFIP) Update**

CTC staff is developing guidelines for the California Freight Investment Program, which is set to receive about \$580 million in federal National Highway Freight Program formula funds over the next four years. CTC staff expects to release draft guidelines in March, adopt the guidelines in May, and adopt the program in August. MTC staff expects to bring a framework for the screening and prioritization of Bay Area CFIP candidates in April, and adopt a recommended program in June to submit to CTC by their expected July 1 deadline.

**Other CTC Actions / Items**

The CTC discussed the following:

- **2018 STIP Fund Estimate Assumptions.** Caltrans will present the draft assumptions in developing the 2018 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Fund Estimate. The 2018 STIP Fund Estimate and Guidelines will be adopted in August. The current estimate is for no new funds, similar to the 2016 STIP. However, several of the draft transportation bills in the Legislature include additional STIP funding; MTC staff will continue to closely follow the estimates.

- **Other Actions.** Staff expects the CTC to approve various allocations and extensions for STIP and ATP projects. The specific projects for action are not yet available since the agenda has not been released at the time of writing.

The next CTC meeting is scheduled for May 17-18, 2017 in San Diego.

**Issues:** None.

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

**Attachments:** None.