

# Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

September 4, 2019

Agenda Item 5b

## California Transportation Commission Update

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**Subject:** Updates on the August 14-15, 2019 California Transportation Commission meeting and Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Programs.

**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 (Executive Officer, Northern California Carpenters Regional Council), Jim Ghielmetti (Chief Executive Officer, Signature Homes, Inc.), and Carl Guardino (President and CEO, Silicon Valley Leadership Group). There are currently two CTC Commissioner vacancies from Jim Earp's retirement and Jim Madaffer's resignation.

### August CTC Meeting (August 14-15, San José, CA)

The CTC discussed the following issues of significance to the region.

**Final 2020 State Transportation Improvement Program Fund Estimate and Guidelines.** The CTC approved the final 2020 STIP fund estimate (FE), which includes almost \$70 million in new funding for the nine-county Bay Area. This amount is substantially less than the 2018 STIP, due to significant STIP advances to match competitive SB1 projects as well as the Board of Equalization's inaction to raise the price-based excise tax in 2018. CTC also approved the 2020 STIP Guidelines at its August meeting. MTC's 2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), which is part of the 2020 STIP, is due to CTC in December 2019.

### **San Mateo US-101 Express Lanes Toll Facility Approval**

The CTC previously awarded \$220 million in Solutions for Congested Corridors and Local Partnership Competitive Program funds to the US-101 Express Lanes project in San Mateo. The project will complete a 22-mile high-occupancy toll facility on US-101 from the Santa Clara County Line to I-380. This month the CTC received an update on the project, and approved the toll facility in accordance with AB 194. The approval enables tolling on US-101 in San Mateo County. MTC continues to stress the importance of coordination with other regional express lane operators on toll policy, and to view express lanes as part of a larger set of strategies to improve person-throughput and overall freeway performance.

**Senate Bill 1 Program Updates and Actions.** The CTC approved the following items related to SB 1 implementation:

- SB 1 Cycle 2 Update. CTC held the first workshop on the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program on August 13. CTC's current schedule targets early 2020 for Guidelines adoption, applications due Spring 2020, and competitive program adoption in August 2020.
- SB 1 Project Allocations. The CTC approved \$21.1 million in Local Partnership Formula Program funds for one project on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, and projects in Marin and Sonoma Counties.

**Allocations, Extensions, and Amendments.** The CTC approved the following:

- Funding allocations for four Active Transportation Program (ATP) projects in Alameda, Santa Clara, and Solano Counties;
- Contract award deadline extensions for projects in San Mateo and Contra Costa County; and
- Program amendments for a Local Partnership Formula Program project in Sonoma County, and an Active Transportation Program project in Solano County.

MTC staff will continue to work with project sponsors of ATP and other CTC-managed programs to meet CTC delivery deadlines and requirements.

The next CTC meeting is scheduled for October 16-17, 2019 in Modesto, CA.

**Issues:** None.

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

**Attachments:** None.



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