

# Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

December 11, 2019

Agenda Item 5a

## California Transportation Commission (CTC) Update

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**Subject:** Update on the December 4-5, 2019 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 two (2) CTC members residing in its geographic area: Bob Alvarado (Executive Officer, Northern California Carpenters Regional Council) and Carl Guardino (President and CEO, Silicon Valley Leadership Group).

### December CTC Meeting (December 4-5, Riverside, CA)

The CTC is expected to discuss the following issues of significance to the region.

#### **BART Transbay Core Capacity Program Allocation**

The CTC is expected to allocate \$51.5 million in Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) funds to the BART Transbay Corridor Core Capacity Program. The full project will procure and deploy new rail cars and complete a communications-based train control system to increase capacity through the Transbay Tube.

#### **Statewide Policy Updates**

The CTC is scheduled to receive updates on the following items:

- California Freight Mobility Plan. Caltrans released the draft CFMP for public comment in early December. MTC staff will review the draft Plan and provide comments to Caltrans. The CFMP may affect how the State programs SB1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program funds.
- SAFE Vehicle Rule Update. The federal “Safe Affordable Fuel Efficient” Vehicle Rule became effective on November 26. Representatives from the Federal Highway Administration, Caltrans, and CALCOG are scheduled to provide an update on the state’s approach to lessen the impact of the SAFE Vehicle Rule. Of note, the California Air Resources Board released an “adjustment factor” that could serve as an interim work-around to keep transportation projects on track despite the Rule.

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

- Draft Solutions for Congested Corridors (SCC) Program Guidelines. CTC is scheduled to review the draft guidelines for the SCC Program and authorize transmittal of the draft to the Legislature per statute. CTC is expected to adopt the final SCC Program Guidelines in January 2020.
- SB 1 Cycle 2 Update. CTC held guideline workshops on the Solutions for Congested Corridors, Local Partnership, and Trade Corridor Enhancement Programs in October and November. CTC’s current schedule targets early 2020 for Guidelines adoption, applications due late Spring 2020, and competitive program adoption in October 2020.

**Allocations, Extensions, and Amendments.** The CTC is expected to approve the following:

- Funding allocations for three Active Transportation Program (ATP) projects in Alameda, Marin, and Solano Counties;
- Funding allocation for one State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) project in Santa Clara County;
- Funding allocation for two Local Partnership Program (LPP) projects in Contra Costa and San Francisco Counties;
- Scope change for one ATP project in Richmond (Contra Costa County); and
- One baseline agreement approval for one ATP project in Alameda County.

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

**CTC Executive Director Announces Retirement**

In November, CTC Executive Director Susan Bransen announced her planned retirement from the Commission. Director Bransen expects to remain in her role until the Commission selects a new Executive Director.

The next CTC meeting is scheduled for January 29-30, 2020 in Sacramento, CA.

**Issues:** None.

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

**Attachments:** None.

  
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