

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

August 12, 2020

Agenda Item 2b - 20-0880

California Transportation Commission (CTC) Update

Subject: Update on the June 24, 2020 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).

June CTC Meeting (June 24, Held Online)

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

Transportation Equity Overview. The CTC received a presentation on transportation equity from Professor Charles T. Brown of Rutgers University. The presentation highlighted the need for state agencies like the CTC to establish anti-racist policies, action plans, and working groups. The Commissioners and public speakers supported these calls to action and committed the CTC and Caltrans to implement these policy goals.

Statewide Programs. The CTC approved the following items:

- 2020 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP). The CTC amended the 2020 SHOPP to fully reserve \$100 million for complete streets project elements. The SHOPP is dedicated to the maintenance and rehabilitation of state highway assets. MTC staff continues to support inclusion of complete streets, resiliency, and green-infrastructure type projects in the SHOPP.
- Short-Line Railroad Improvement Program (SLRIP) Guidelines. The CTC approved the SLRIP Guidelines and released the call for projects. The SLRIP is a new limited-term program created in 2019 that is funded with \$7.2 million for a two-year program. The SLRIP provides up to 50% state funding for improvements to track owned and/or operated by short-line railroads, including SMART/ Northwestern Pacific Railroad and California Northern Railroad in the North Bay and Richmond Pacific Railroad in Western Contra Costa County. MTC staff will work with Caltrans staff to conduct outreach and potentially support project applications from Bay Area short-line railroads^[TR1]. Applications are due by December 1, 2020.

COVID-19 Related Items. The CTC received information on the following:

- Transportation Revenue Impact from COVID-19. The CTC received presentations from various transportation sectors on the potential impacts to transportation revenues due to COVID-19. Representatives from the Federal Highway Administration, Self-Help Counties Coalition, Counties Engineers Association of California, and League of California Cities provided an overview of the revenue declines from COVID-19, and the need for additional funding to make up for this lost revenue. Staff continues to advocate for a federal funding backstop as we move towards recovery.

Allocations, Extensions, and Amendments. The CTC approved the following:
Allocations. For the following allocations, CTC provided a 12-month deadline to award a contract (from the standard 6 months) due to project delivery uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Funding allocations for two Active Transportation Program (ATP) projects in Contra Costa County and Daly City (San Mateo County);
- Funding allocation for one State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) project in Yountville (Napa County); and
- Funding allocation for two Local Partnership Program (LPP) projects for AC Transit and Martinez (Contra Costa County).

Extensions.

- Project allocation extensions for a STIP project in Alameda County, and a Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) project in Emeryville (Alameda County);
- Contract award extension for an ATP project in South San Francisco (San Mateo County);
- Project completion extension for an ATP project in Contra Costa County; and
- Project expenditure extension for an LPP project sponsored by VTA (Santa Clara County).

Amendments.

- STIP Amendment for Notice for projects in Solano County;
- LPP Formula program amendments to update programming for projects located in Alameda and Napa Counties;
- LPP Bonus Incentive programming of \$5 million to San Francisco; and
- LPP Competitive program amendment for AC Transit bus purchases.

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


Commissioner Updates. On June 19, the Governor appointed two new Commissioners to the CTC: Jon Rocco Davis, of Rocklin (Placer County), Vice President of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LiUNA); and Lee Ann Eager, of Fresno (Fresno County), CEO of the Fresno County Economic Development Corporation. Chair Paul Van Konynenberg (Modesto, Stanislaus County) was not reappointed; Vice-Chair Hilary Norton (Los Angeles) will act as Chair until a new Chair is appointed.

The next CTC meeting is scheduled for August 12-13 in Oakland; however, it may be held online as a one-day meeting on August 12.

Issues: None.

Recommendation: Information. No action required.

Attachments: None.



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