

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

November 4, 2020

Agenda Item 6b - 20-1474

California Transportation Commission (CTC) Update

Subject: Update on the October 21-22, 2020 California Transportation Commission meeting

Background: The California Transportation Commission (CTC) is responsible for programming and allocating certain state and federal transportation funds for the planning and implementation of highway, passenger rail, non-motorized facilities, and transit improvements throughout California. Among other transportation funding programs, the CTC approves programming and allocations for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP); State Active Transportation Program (ATP) and various Senate Bill 1 (SB1) programs including Solutions for Congested Corridors (SCC); Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) and the competitive element of the Local Partnership Program (LPP). The CTC allocates funds for projects in the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP), following project selection by the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA).

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 (Executive Vice President of Global Government Affairs and Policy for Bloom Energy).

October CTC Meeting (October 21-22, Held Online)

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

Transportation Equity Effort Update. CTC, Caltrans, and CalSTA staff provided a joint update on transportation equity efforts:

- CTC: The CTC will consider the final membership of the Equity Roundtable at the December 2020 CTC meeting.
- Caltrans: Caltrans adopted a racial equity action plan and established the Office of Race and Equity in August 2020. The new office aims to improve planning, outreach, and engagement with disadvantaged communities and will review policies and programs with a more focused equity lens throughout the Department.
- CalSTA: CalSTA staff is developing a racial equity action plan for internal operations and external policies and programs. CalSTA will review naming designations of infrastructure, state parks, and geographic areas across the state and amend as appropriate, in coordination with the California Natural Resources Agency.

All three agencies will hold virtual community listening sessions in 2021 to inform future work. MTC staff will continue engagement on statewide equity efforts, provide input as appropriate, and report on these efforts through future CTC update memos to the Programming and Allocations Committee.

Senate Bill 1 Application Update. While not on the October agenda, CTC staff will release its funding recommendations for three SB1 competitive programs on November 12. The three competitive programs are the Solutions for Congested Corridors, Trade Corridor Enhancement, and Local Partnership Competitive Programs. Statewide, the CTC received \$3.6 billion in funding requests for \$2.1

billion in available funding. CTC will consider the programs' adoption at the December 2-3 CTC meeting.

Active Transportation Program Quick Build Pilot. The CTC adopted the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Quick Build pilot program, which is a new component of ATP. Quick build projects are interim capital improvement projects that aim to immediately implement safety needs, allowing communities to benefit quickly from improvements. Applications for the Quick Build program were due by mid-July, and CTC staff released its funding recommendations in mid-September totaling \$4.4 million. Of the eight ATP Quick Build projects that CTC approved, half of the projects and funding, (\$2.2 million), benefit the Bay Area. Specifically, CTC approved funding for projects in Berkeley (Alameda Co.), Richmond (Contra Costa Co.), San Carlos (San Mateo Co.), and San Jose (Santa Clara Co.).

Allocations, Extensions, and Amendments. The CTC approved the following: Allocations. For the following allocations, CTC provides 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 three Active Transportation Program (ATP) projects in Contra Costa, San Francisco, and Sonoma Counties;
- Funding allocation for three Local Partnership Program (LPP) projects in Alameda, Contra Costa, and Marin Counties;
- Funding allocation for one State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) project in Alameda County; and
- Funding allocations for two Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) projects for AC Transit and Solano County.

Extensions.

- Allocation extensions for two Active Transportation Program (ATP) projects for Oakland (Alameda Co.) and San Jose (Santa Clara Co.).

Amendments.

- Re-programming request for one Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) project in Alameda County; and
- Program amendment to add new LPP projects located in Marin and Sonoma Counties.


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 December 2-3, to be held online.

Issues: None.

Recommendation: Information. No action required.

Attachments: None.


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