

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

June 9, 2021

Agenda Item 5a - 21-0581

California Transportation Commission (CTC) and State Funding Programs Update

Subject: Update on California Transportation Commission (CTC) and state funding programs under the CTC's purview.

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 three (3) CTC members residing in its geographic area: Vice-Chair Bob Alvarado (Executive Officer, Northern California Carpenters Regional Council), Darnell Grisby (Executive Director of Transform), and Carl Guardino (Executive Vice President of Global Government Affairs and Policy for Bloom Energy).

May CTC Meeting (May 12-13, Held Online)

The CTC met and discussed the following issues of regional significance.

Federal COVID Relief Funds. With the passage of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA), California is slated to receive \$912 million in relief funds administered by the Federal Highway Administration. In March, the CTC directed the regional share to be distributed equally between the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), administered by CTC, and the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program, administered by Caltrans Local Assistance. In May, CTC adopted the Mid-Cycle STIP Guidelines governing the STIP portion of CRRSAA funds. MTC's Mid-Cycle STIP projects are included on this month's Programming and Allocations Committee agenda under item 2d.

The CTC also adopted the CRRSAA Program Guidelines in May, which governs the portion of CRRSAA funds distributed via the STBG formula. MTC's proposed program to use these funds are discussed under item 4a on this month's Programming and Allocations Committee.

Active Transportation Program Augmentation. At the March 2021 CTC meeting, Vice-Chair Alvarado suggested directing \$2 billion in excess General Fund revenue to augment the Active Transportation Program. The proposal recognizes the extensive active transportation need throughout the state, where applications for ATP funds outstrip available funding many times over. MTC's legislative platform includes increasing funding to ATP, especially since increasing active transportation use is a key strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in MTC's Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. MTC has submitted a letter of support for the \$2 billion request and will continue to work with our partner regions and the state to support additional funds for ATP, and to develop a framework to distribute any augmented funding. Of note, the Governor's May Revise of the FY 2021-22 State Budget proposes an ATP augmentation of \$500 million so some level of increased funding seems quite likely.

Draft Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure Updates. CTC and CalSTA presented an update on the Draft Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI). The CAPTI sets prioritization principles for state funding programs to meet statewide greenhouse gas emission reduction targets (part of Executive Order N-19-19). MTC staff attended CTC-led workshops on CAPTI in April and provided an update at the Partnership Board meeting in April. Staff also submitted comments on the draft plan to CalSTA by the May 19 deadline.

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 allocation for one State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) project in Napa County;
- Funding allocations for three Active Transportation Program (ATP) projects in Napa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara Counties;
- Funding allocations for three Local Partnership Program (LPP) projects in Napa and Santa Clara Counties, and for BART;
- Funding allocations for two Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) projects for Solano County and BART;
- Funding allocation for one Solutions for Congested Corridor Program (SCCP) project for BART; and
- Funding allocation for one Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) project in Contra Costa County.

Extensions.

- Allocation extensions for four STIP projects in Contra Costa (1) and Santa Clara (3) Counties, and six ATP projects in Alameda (1), San Francisco (1), Santa Clara (2), Solano (1), and Sonoma (1) Counties;
- Project award extension for one ATP project in Oakland (Alameda County); and

- Project completion and expenditure extensions for one TIRCP project in Contra Costa County, and one ATP project in San Mateo County.

Amendments.

- STIP Amendments for project changes for six projects in Alameda (1), Contra Costa (1), Santa Clara (2), and Solano (2) Counties; and
- LPP Formulaic Program Amendments to add six projects in Marin (1), Napa (1), and San Francisco (4) Counties.

MTC staff 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 June 23-24, 2021, to be held online.

Issues: None.

Recommendation: Information. No action required.

Attachments: None.



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