

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

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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).

June CTC Meeting (June 23-24, 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 June, the CTC approved two actions to program CRRSAA funds to important projects regionwide. This includes projects amended into the 2020 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as part of the Mid-Cycle CRRSAA programming (managed by the Bay Area County Transportation Agencies (BACTAs)), as well as the CRRSAA Program funds (managed by MTC as part of the Safe and Seamless Quick Strike Program). MTC approved both programs in June.

Active Transportation Program.

- **MTC Regional Program Adoption.** CTC approved MTC's regional portion of the 2021 Active Transportation Program in June. The MTC Commission approved the list of Regional ATP projects in April, and includes \$37 million in ATP funds for 8 projects. Staff will work with the project sponsors to deliver these ATP projects successfully.

- **Augmentation.** In response to the CTC's request for additional funds for active transportation projects, the FY 2021-22 State Budget includes a \$500 million one-time augmentation to the Active Transportation Program, contingent on follow-up legislation. MTC welcomes additional funds for ATP, which is part of MTC's legislative platform to increase 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. Staff will return to this Committee in the Fall to program the region's share of the ATP augmentation, which totals about \$41 million in new ATP funding for the Bay Area.

Draft 2022 STIP Guidelines and Fund Estimate. CTC and Caltrans released the draft 2022 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines and Fund Estimate, which will guide the programming of STIP funds. The 2022 STIP is expected to provide about \$97 million in new programming capacity to the region. MTC staff will work with BACTA staff to develop the 2022 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) policies and procedures over the summer, which will be considered by this Committee in September. MTC will consider adoption of the 2022 RTIP in December 2021, and will subsequently transmit it to the CTC for inclusion in the 2022 STIP.

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. This extended contract award deadline expired in June 2021.

- Funding allocation for one State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) project in Alameda County;
- Funding allocation for one Active Transportation Program (ATP) project in Alameda County;
- Funding allocations for four Local Partnership Program (LPP) projects in Contra Costa and San Mateo Counties, and for AC Transit and SamTrans; and
- Funding allocation for one Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) project in Solano County.

Extensions.

- Allocation extensions for two STIP projects for AC Transit and SFMTA; three ATP projects in San Francisco (1), and Solano (2), Counties; and three LPP projects in Marin (1) and Sonoma (1) Counties and for BART; and
- Project completion and expenditure extensions for two ATP projects in Marin (1) and San Francisco (1) Counties, and one STIP project in Contra Costa County.

Amendments.

- STIP Amendments for project changes for five projects in Alameda (1), Santa Clara (2), and Solano (2) Counties;
- LPP Formulaic Program Amendments to add four projects in Alameda (2) and San Mateo (2) Counties;
- LPP Competitive Program Scope Amendment for one project in Alameda County; and
- ATP Program Scope Amendment for one project in San Francisco County.


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 August 18-19, 2021, to be held online.

Issues: None.

Recommendation: Information. No action required.

Attachments: None.



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