

# Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

September 8, 2021

Agenda Item 6b - 21-1008

## 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).

### August CTC Meeting (August 18-19, Held Online)

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

**2022 STIP Guidelines and Fund Estimate.** CTC adopted the final 2022 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines and Fund Estimate, which will guide the programming of STIP funds. The 2022 STIP will provide about \$103 million in new programming capacity to the region. MTC staff worked with BACTA staff to develop the 2022 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) policies and procedures, which will be considered by this Committee under item 4a. 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.

**Senate Bill 1 Allocations.** The CTC approved SB1 funding allocations for two regionally-significant projects this month: the US-101 Marin-Sonoma Narrows (MSN) project contract B7 in Marin County, and the I-80 Express Lanes project in Solano County. CTC allocated \$41.2 million in SB1 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program and STIP funds to the MSN project, which will complete the final HOV gap on US-101 between Marin and Sonoma Counties. CTC also allocated \$142.6 million in SB1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program and STIP funds to the I-80 Express Lanes in

Solano County, which will construct about 18 miles of new Express Lanes along I-80 between the Bay Area and Sacramento. Both projects leverage substantial local, regional, and federal funding, and both will start construction later this year.

**California Transportation Commission Equity Initiatives Update.** CTC staff provided an update on the CTC's recent Equity Roundtable efforts. The Roundtable met twice in 2021, and meetings have focused on furthering the CTC's commitment towards improving equitable outcomes in public engagement, programs, and policies. The August update highlighted the Roundtable's experience with accessing virtual CTC meetings. The Roundtable recommended extending virtual access to CTC meetings beyond pandemic-era restrictions and expanding accessibility information such as real time translation and closed captioning.

The CTC also recently hired a new Associate Deputy Director to focus on internal and external equity initiatives, including the implementation of the CTC's Racial Equity Statement. CTC staff is also evaluating various training opportunities including implicit bias training, anti-racism training, and racial equity training. MTC staff will continue engagement on statewide equity efforts and provide input as appropriate.

**Allocations, Extensions, and Amendments.** The CTC approved the following:

Allocations. For construction phase allocations, CTC provides a 6-month deadline to award a construction contract.

- Funding allocations for State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Planning, Programming, and Monitoring (PPM) activities around the Bay Area, including for MTC;
- Funding allocation for one Active Transportation Program (ATP) project in Contra Costa County; and
- Funding allocations for four Local Partnership Program (LPP) projects in Contra Costa, San Francisco (2), and Sonoma Counties.

Extensions.

- Project completion extension for one Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) project in Solano County; and
- Project expenditure extensions for two ATP projects, both in Alameda County.

Amendments.

- LPP Formulaic Program Amendments to recognize approval of sales tax for Caltrain, and to add two projects in San Francisco County.

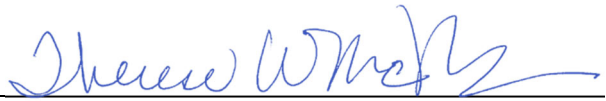
MTC staff continue to work with project sponsors of ATP and other CTC-managed programs to meet CTC delivery deadlines and requirements.

The next CTC meeting is scheduled for October 13-14, 2021, to be held online.

**Issues:** None.

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

**Attachments:** None.



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