

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

November 10, 2021

Agenda Item 3c - 21-1157

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

October CTC Meeting (October 13-14, Held Online)

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

Funding Allocation to Napa SR-29 Soscol Junction Project

CTC approved allocating \$49.6 million in SB1 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program, Local Partnership Formulaic Program, and State Transportation Improvement Program funds to improve Soscol Junction (SR-29/221/Soscol Ferry Rd.) in Napa County. The project is the

culmination of years of efforts to improve the bottleneck on SR-29 just south of the City of Napa. Caltrans expects to start work on this project early next year.

2022 Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan Approval

CTC approved the 2022 Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan (ITSP), which is a long-range planning document prepared by Caltrans that communicates the vision for investing in California's interregional transportation system to support the interregional movement of people and goods. MTC staff provided comments on the draft ITSP to Caltrans on September 10.

Among the comments, MTC requested the inclusion of SR-37 as a priority interregional facility, encouraged coordination with regional plans, and acknowledged additional tolling opportunities along priority interregional facilities. MTC staff will continue working with Caltrans to ensure regional priorities are captured in future plans and funding programs.

CTC Equity Initiative Update

CTC staff provided an update on the CTC's Equity Roundtable efforts. The Roundtable has met four times in 2021, with the last meeting held October 28. Each meeting focuses on how CTC can improve equitable outcomes in public engagement, programs, and policies. The October update highlighted the Roundtable's leadership in creating a space where historically disadvantaged Californians feel seen and heard – and highlighting the need for difficult conversations. Members also encouraged the CTC to continue supporting this effort over time since meaningful change requires an iterative review process of recommendations. Finally, roundtable members urged the CTC to engage with tribal communities during the initial planning phases for infrastructure projects. CTC also received a report on equity considerations related to toll facilities. Caltrans and their consultants highlighted the San Mateo US-101 Express Lanes as a good example of considering equity when pricing tolls and choosing where revenues should be spent. MTC staff will continue engagement on statewide equity efforts and provide input as appropriate.

Climate Action Plan for Transportation Investments (CAPTI) Update

The California State Transportation Agency adopted the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) in July 2021. CAPTI details how the state could invest discretionary

transportation dollars to combat and adapt to climate change while supporting public health, safety, and equity. Included in CAPTI are specific strategies impacting upcoming Senate Bill 1 (SB1) competitive programs. CTC staff is holding SB1 guideline workshops over the next few months that will cover how to incorporate these CAPTI strategies in affected SB1 programs. Examples include: for the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program, prioritizing projects that provide travels with options to opt out of congestion and including pro-housing principles in the efficient land use evaluation criteria; for the Trade Corridor Enhancement program, integrating Zero Emission Vehicle infrastructure projects within the program's evaluation criteria; and for all programs, how effectively and meaningfully applicants engage their local communities around a project's nomination. MTC staff will actively participate in these guideline workshops to provide input and feedback, especially as they relate to furthering regional plans and projects.

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 two Active Transportation Program (ATP) projects in Contra Costa and San Francisco Counties.

Extensions.

- Project completion extensions for one ATP project and one Local Alternative Transportation Improvement Program (LATIP) project, both in Alameda County.

Amendments.

- Amendment to one Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) project for Caltrain.

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

Next Steps:

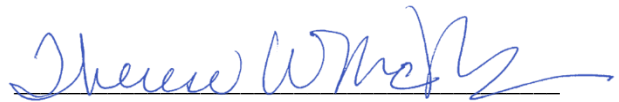
The next CTC meeting is scheduled for December 8-9, 2021, to be held online.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

Information. No action required.



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