Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

February 14, 2024

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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 Program (SCCP); Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) and 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: Jay Bradshaw (Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Northern California Carpenters Regional Council), Darnell Grisby (Senior Vice President, Beneficial State Foundation), and Vice-Chair Carl Guardino (Vice President of Government Affairs, Tarana Wireless).

January CTC Meeting (January 25-26, Modesto)

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

Draft 2025 Active Transportation Program Fund Estimate and Guidelines

The CTC received the draft 2025 ATP Fund Estimate and Guidelines and will consider adopting the final version at their upcoming meeting in March. Caltrans noted that the Governor's January Budget Proposal for FY 2024-25 includes a reduction of \$200 million from the ATP Program. If

the budget is approved as proposed in June, Caltrans and CTC will revise the Fund Estimate downward by roughly 35% to account for the \$200 million reduction.

I-15 Express Lane Project Allocation

The CTC approved allocating over \$200 million in SB1 and STIP funds to the I-15 Express Lanes project in San Bernardino County. While this action does not directly impact the Bay Area, the item garnered significant discussion from the public and among the Commissioners. The allocation was deferred from the December CTC meeting, where the Commission deadlocked on a 3-3 vote. In January, the CTC ultimately approved the allocation by a 9-1 vote.

Allocations, Extensions, and Amendments.

The CTC approved the following:

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

• Funding allocation for one STIP project sponsored by BART.

Extensions.

- Contract award extension for an LPP formulaic project in Contra Costa and Marin Counties.
- Contract award extension for a TIRCP project in Santa Clara County.

Amendments.

- Program amendment to the LPP formulaic program to projects in San Francisco County.
- Allocation amendments for two LPP formulaic program projects in Napa County.

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

CTC Leadership and Commissioner Changes.

The CTC elected Commissioner Carl Guardino to be Chair and Commissioner Darnell Grisby to be Vice-Chair starting in March 2024.

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Commissioner Joseph Lyou's Assembly appointment expired in January 2024. The current Assembly Speaker, Robert Rivas (D-Salinas), appointed Commissioner Bob Tiffany in February to replace Commissioner Lyou. Commissioner Tiffany was formerly a San Benito County Supervisor.

Next Steps:

The next CTC meeting is scheduled for March 21-22, 2024, to be held in San Jose and online.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

Information. No action required.

Attachments:

None.

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