

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

February 11, 2009

Item Number 4

California Transportation Commission Update

Subject: Update on the January 2009 California Transportation Commission Meeting

Background: The California Transportation Commission is responsible for the programming and allocating of funds for the construction of highway, passenger rail and transit improvements throughout California. The CTC consists of eleven voting members and two non-voting ex-officio members. Of the eleven voting members, nine are appointed by the Governor, one is appointed by the Senate Rules Committee, and one is appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly. The San Francisco Bay Area has four (4) CTC members in its geographic area: Bob Alvarado, Jim Ghielmetti, Carl Guardino, and Phil Tagami. The CTC meets regularly throughout the year.

January CTC Meeting (January 14, Sacramento, California)

The CTC met in January and discussed a number of key issues affecting the region:

Deferral of All Allocations

The CTC deferred action on all allocations at the January meeting due to the uncertainty surrounding the state's fiscal situation and the freeze of Pooled Money Investment Account (PMIA) disbursements that was approved in December. Unfortunately, this means that the region's largest allocation, the Caldecott Tunnel Fourth Bore project, was also deferred pending resolution of the PMIA suspension. The Commissioners reiterated their hope that the state will resolve the budget situation soon so that they can make allocations as soon as possible.

High Speed Rail Connectivity Program

The Commission is working on draft guidelines for the recently-approved bond program to support High Speed Rail, and intends to adopt a program in the summer. Staff is working with CTC staff in development of the guidelines.

Federal Economic Stimulus Package

The Commissioners discussed potential actions needed to quickly adopt an economic stimulus program should it be necessary. This was discussed earlier on the Programming and Allocations Committee agenda under item 3a.

Executive Director Resigns

The CTC Executive Director, John Barna, announced his resignation effective February 27. There is no word yet on a replacement.

Issues: No issues.

Recommendation: Information. No action required.

Attachments: No attachments.