

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

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Item Number 5

California Transportation Commission Update

Subject: Update on the January 2010 California Transportation Commission Meetings

Background: The California Transportation Commission is responsible for the programming and allocation 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. The San Francisco Bay Area has four (4) CTC members in its geographic area: Bob Alvarado, Jim Ghielmetti, Carl Guardino, and Patrick Mason.

January CTC Meeting (January 13, Sacramento, California)

The Commission met in Sacramento in January, and discussed the following issues of significance to the Bay Area:

Proposition 1B Bond Allocation Priorities – The CTC approved a number of allocations with cash generated from the November 2009 bond sale. Among the approved allocations were State-Local Partnership Program allocations for the BART to Warm Springs project and a Santa Rosa City Bus vehicle purchase, and Corridor Mobility Improvement Account allocations for US-101 Improvements at Tully (between 280 and Yerba Buena). The State has enough cash for all projects under construction until March 2011, and anticipates selling more bonds no later than December 2010.

Proposition 1B Letters of No Prejudice – The CTC approved a number of LONP requests, including a request from BART to use its own funds in advance of a Proposition 1B allocation for the Oakland Airport Connector project.

Governor's FY 2010-11 Budget Proposal – Caltrans and CTC staff gave an update on the Governor's budget proposal's impact on transportation. Caltrans/CTC staff noted that the proposal to eliminate the sales tax on gasoline and partially replace the revenue with a fuel excise tax would negatively affect the State Transportation Improvement Program in the long term.

Proposition 1A Draft High Speed Rail Bond Program Guidelines – The CTC reviewed the draft guidelines for the High Speed Passenger Rail Bond Program. The CTC received a number of comments and will present the guidelines for adoption in February.

Issues: No issues.

Recommendation: Information. No action required.

Attachments: No attachments.