

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

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Item Number 4

California Transportation Commission Update

Subject: Update on the February 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.

February CTC Meeting (February 24-25, Rancho Cordova, California)

The Commission met in Rancho Cordova in February, and discussed the following issues of significance to the Bay Area:

Update on State Budget and Allocation Capacity – The Commission received an update from Caltrans on the state budget proposal for next fiscal year. The current proposal calls for the elimination of the sales tax on gasoline, increase in the fuel excise tax, and minor increase on the sales tax on diesel fuel. Caltrans also reported that the State anticipates significant additional federal funds this fiscal year, due to the continuing resolution for SAFETEA.

Adoption of the Proposition 1A High Speed Passenger Train Bond Program Guidelines – The Commission adopted the guidelines for bond funds from Proposition 1A to improve transit connectivity to the High Speed Passenger Train system. The CTC prioritized connectivity projects and generally limited the use of 95% of the funds to construction activities.

Proposition 116 Program Resolution – The Commission adopted a policy statement that would consider projects that request an allocation prior to July 1, 2010, as having satisfied the statutory obligation deadline.

US-101 Doyle Drive Replacement – The Commission received a presentation on the status of converting the later phases of the US-101 Doyle Drive Replacement project into a Public-Private Partnership, as well as acting on a few follow up actions to allow the project to use Recovery Act funds.

Issues: No issues.

Recommendation: Information. No action required.

Attachments: No attachments.