

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

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Item Number 5

California Transportation Commission Update

Subject: Update on the September 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 three (3) CTC members in its geographic area: Bob Alvarado, Jim Ghielmetti, and Carl Guardino.

September CTC Meeting (September 22-23, Fresno, California)

The Commission met in Fresno and discussed the following issues of significance to the Bay Area:

2010-11 STIP Transit Allocation Plan: The CTC adopted an allocation plan for transit projects in the STIP, which will prioritize current year projects on a first-come, first-served basis. The allocation plan will be re-evaluated in January, once the outcome of the November elections is known and next year's budget is released.

CMIA Baseline Agreements: The CTC approved two Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) baselines for new projects programmed from CMIA cost savings: the SR-84 Expressway in Livermore, and the US-101 Marin-Sonoma Narrows HOV Lane Phase A2.

Oakland Airport Connector: The CTC approved amending the STIP to include \$20 million for the OAC project, as well as approving the allocation of those funds and a Letter of No Prejudice for Proposition 1B State-Local Partnership Program funds on the OAC project.

STIP Transit Allocations: The CTC approved three transit allocations to Bay Area projects, including one exception to the STIP Transit Allocation Plan described above. Funding was approved for Marin Transit Shuttle Buses and two projects related to VTA's Capitol Light Rail Extension to Eastridge.

State Budget Update: Caltrans noted that no new state highway construction projects are being awarded at this time due to the lack of a budget. Additionally, no new local assistance Program Supplement Agreements are being executed until the passage of a budget. Finally, Caltrans will pay all outstanding contractor work invoiced through September 20, but cannot guarantee on time payments beyond that without an approved budget.

Issues: None

Recommendation: Information. No action required.

Attachments: None