

# Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

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Item Number 5

## California Transportation Commission Update

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**Subject:** Update on the January 2011 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.

### January CTC Meeting (January 19-20, Sacramento, California)

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

#### *Election of New Chair and Vice Chair*

The CTC elected Dario Frommer to serve as chair and Jim Ghielmetti as vice chair.

#### *Proposition 1B Bond-Funded Project Allocations*

Caltrans noted that the State was able to sell bonds in November, creating enough capacity to fund current bond-funded construction contracts through December 2011, as well as allocate all bond-funded projects waiting for CTC allocations. In the Bay Area, this included allocation approvals for the following projects: Sonoma US-101 Central B HOV Lanes; Marin US-101 Novato Narrows HOV Lanes; San Mateo US-101 Auxiliary Lanes Phase 1; I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility in Alameda and Contra Costa; and the BART Extension to Warm Springs. It is important to note that the CTC does not allocate funding for Proposition 1B PTMISEA (Transit) projects. Roughly \$80 million out of the current bond sale was set aside for these projects, but project needs for the region exceed the bond funds provided to-date.

#### *Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account Project Savings*

CTC took action to de-allocate \$13.1 million in CMIA funds from the US-101 Tully Interchange Improvements project, due to cost savings realized at the time of award. CTC plans to program CMIA cost savings to qualified projects at its June meeting. Staff will return to the Committee in the spring to discuss Bay Area priorities for cost savings.

#### *STIP Transportation Enhancement Allocations*

CTC continued to allocate STIP Transportation Enhancement projects this month, with three Bay Area projects receiving allocations. The projects were Pittsburg's Bailey Road Transit Improvements for \$989,000, San Francisco's Point Lobos Streetscape for \$53,000 (Design), and San Francisco's Arelious Walker Stairway Improvements for \$112,000 (Design).

**Issues:** None

**Recommendation:** Information. No action required.

**Attachments:** None