

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

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Item Number 4

California Transportation Commission Update

Subject: Update on the March 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.

March CTC Meeting (March 23-24, San Diego, California)

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

CMIA Project Cost Savings 2011 Call for Projects

The CTC announced the next call for projects to program Corridor Mobility Improvement Account cost savings. The CTC plans to program CMIA cost savings to qualified projects at its June meeting, with applications due to Caltrans on April 25. Staff is coordinating the project submissions with the Congestion Management Agencies and Caltrans, and will return to the Committee in May to propose Bay Area priorities for cost savings.

Statewide Transportation Needs Assessment

Caltrans and regional agencies, in conjunction with CTC staff, presented an update on the Statewide Transportation Needs Assessment (Assessment) effort. The Assessment would be used to underscore to our legislators the need to dedicate additional resources to transportation, including state highway, local streets and roads, transit, ports, airports, and high-speed rail.

Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account Project Savings

CTC took action to de-allocate CMIA funds from the SR-4 East Widening (Phase 1) project in Contra Costa County, and CMIA funds from the I-80 HOV Lane Improvements in Solano County due to cost savings realized at the time of award. These savings may be available for programming to other eligible projects in Northern California as a part of the Call for Projects described earlier.

STIP Transportation Enhancement Allocations

CTC continued to allocate STIP Transportation Enhancement projects this month, with three Bay Area projects receiving allocations. The projects were San Bruno's El Camino Real Median Streetscape (\$779,000), Vacaville Jepson Parkway Enhancements (\$230,000), and Vallejo Downtown Pedestrian Enhancements (\$412,000).

Issues: None

Recommendation: Information. No action required.

Attachments: None