

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

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Item Number 5

California Transportation Commission Update

Subject: Update on the May 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.

May CTC Meeting (May 11-12, Los Angeles, California)

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

2012 STIP Fund Estimate Assumptions

The CTC adopted the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Fund Estimate Assumptions. The Commission chose a middle-of-the-road estimate for anticipated revenues over the STIP period. The region agrees that the adopted estimate strikes a reasonable balance to support project delivery and development while minimizing the risk of project deletions should forecasted revenues not materialize.

STIP Amendments: Santa Clara

The CTC considered two amendments in Santa Clara: one for action and one for notice. The CTC approved the amendment to move STIP funds from the San Jose Airport People Mover project to the BART Extension to Berryessa, and noticed the amendment to transfer STIP funds from Phase 1 of the Capitol Light Rail Extension to Eastridge to Phase 2 of the same project. The noticed amendment will be acted on at the June CTC meeting.

Multi-Program Amendments: Marin and Sonoma

The CTC considered two amendments for notice related to the US-101 Marin-Sonoma Narrows (MSN) corridor. The amendments would transfer funds between projects in order to cover realized cost overruns on final design and right-of-way due to a variety of uncontrollable reasons, including utility relocation additional studies. The increases were funded through the deletion of another small project in the MSN corridor and anticipated construction savings. The noticed amendments will be acted on at the June CTC meeting.

Delayed Funding for Proposition 1B Funded Projects

The CTC continued to defer allocation for Proposition 1B funded projects due to lack of bonds. This month, two projects were deferred from the region: SR-12 Jameson Canyon Widening in Napa and Solano Counties, and the Richmond Marina Bay Grade Crossing project in Contra Costa County.

Issues: None

Recommendation: Information. No action required.

Attachments: None