

# 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 June 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.

### June CTC Meeting (June 22-23, Long Beach, California)

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

#### **Proposition 1B CMIA Cost Savings Programming**

The CTC approved \$94 million in Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) funds for Bay Area projects. These funds were made available through cost savings on other CMIA projects. Three projects received funds: Contra Costa SR-4 Bypass, Santa Clara US-101 Capitol Expressway, and Sonoma US-101 Petaluma River Bridge.

#### **Proposition 1B Allocation Requests for Regional Projects**

The region had a number of allocation requests on this month's agenda. Two projects, the SR-4 East Widening in Contra Costa and SR-84 Expressway in Alameda, received Letters of No Prejudice, which allow the sponsors to spend local funds ahead of an allocation of funds. One Trade Corridor Investment Fund (TCIF) project, the I-80 Eastbound Cordelia Truck Scales Relocation project, received an allocation of State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) funds. Three other projects – two CMIA projects in Santa Clara and one Highway Railroad Crossing Safety Account (HRCSA) project in Alameda – were deferred.

#### **Draft 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program Fund Estimate**

Caltrans presented the draft 2012 STIP Fund Estimate, which is used for the development of the STIP. Based on current law, Caltrans estimates that there will be, at most, \$216 million in new STIP capacity for the 2012 STIP for the Bay Area. However, if AB 115 passes, a number of transportation loans to the General Fund would be forgiven, decreasing the amount of expected revenue for transportation. This could result in a significant decrease in available funding for the STIP. MTC staff is monitoring the Fund Estimate, which may be adopted at the August CTC meeting. MTC expects to adopt the 2012 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) in December 2011.

**Issues:** None

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

**Attachments:** None