

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

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Item Number 6

California Transportation Commission Update

Subject: Update on the August 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.

August CTC Meeting (August 10, Sacramento, California)

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

Proposition 1B and STIP Allocations

CTC approved over \$328 million in state funds for Bay Area projects in August. The allocation capacity comes from unused bond cash balances, as well as State Highway Account funds available as a result of the passage of the state budget. Projects receiving state funds in August include SR-12 Jameson Canyon Widening in Napa and Solano Counties (\$105 million), US-101 Auxiliary Lanes in Santa Clara County (\$85 million), I-880 Widening in Santa Clara County (\$72 million), SR-4 East Widening in Contra Costa County (\$29 million), SR-84 Expressway in Alameda County (\$17 million), and the Kato Road Grade Crossing in Alameda County (\$10 million).

The next round of allocations should occur after the next time the State sells bonds, which Caltrans estimates to be as late as November or December 2011. CTC has indicated that Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) projects will be the highest priority for allocation, due to the statutory December 2012 contract award deadline. Other high priorities include projects at risk of losing other funds and programs that do not have Letter of No Prejudice authority.

Final 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program Fund Estimate

CTC adopted the final 2012 STIP Fund Estimate, which is used for the development of the STIP. Caltrans estimates \$151 million in new STIP capacity for the 2012 STIP for the Bay Area. The county Congestion Management Agencies are currently performing calls for projects, with final project lists due to MTC on October 24, 2011. The 2012 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) will be presented for adoption at the November 2011 MTC meeting, for transmittal to CTC in December.

Issues: None

Recommendation: Information. No action required.

Attachments: None