

# 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 October 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.

### October CTC Meeting (October 26-27, Sacramento, California)

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

#### **Bay Area Express Lanes Project Eligibility Approval**

The CTC approved the eligibility determination for the Bay Area Express Lanes project under AB 1467. A few CTC Commissioners raised concerns about the financial projections of the proposed toll lanes, but overall agreed the express lanes would achieve the overall goals of connectivity, efficiency, and reliability. The CTC approved the eligibility determination with one dissenting vote by Commissioner Ghielmetti.

#### **Proposition 1B Bond Sales Allows for Allocations**

In mid-October, the State Treasurer's Office was able to sell bonds, of which \$450 million went to transportation. This infusion of bond funding will allow the CTC to allocate all projects that are scheduled for delivery this fiscal year, as well as projects that have been delayed due to lack of bond funds. The projects allocated at this month's meeting include two BART projects (\$22 million), the Marina Bay Grade Separation in Richmond (\$19 million), SR-82 Smart Corridor in San Mateo (\$11.2 million), AC Transit Bus Procurement (\$8.2 million), and I-80 Integrated Corridor Management in Alameda and Contra Costa (\$7.6 million).

**Issues:** None

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

**Attachments:** None