

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

May 9, 2012

Item Number 4

California Transportation Commission Update

Subject: Update on the April 2012 California Transportation Commission Meeting

Background: The California Transportation Commission is responsible for programming and allocating state 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 residing in its geographic area: Bob Alvarado, Jim Ghielmetti, and Carl Guardino.

April CTC Meeting (April 25 and 26, Irvine, California)

The Commission discussed the following issues of significance to the Bay Area:

CMIA Cost Savings Programming Policy Adoption

The CTC adopted a “ready-to-allocate” policy for programming Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA). CTC staff will recommend programming eligible projects once the project is ready for contract advertisement. The region has a number of projects, including a \$7 million Freeway Performance Initiative project, that will be ready for advertisement in June 2012. These projects will be considered at the June CTC meeting for programming and allocation.

CMIA Project Allocations

The CTC allocated CMIA funds to five Bay Area projects in April, including the I-580 Westbound HOV Lane (Segment 2) and I-880 Southbound HOV Lane (South Segment) projects in Alameda County, US-101 Airport Interchange (North B) project in Sonoma County, SR-24 Caldecott Tunnel project reserve in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, and one Freeway Performance Initiative project in Santa Clara County. The total state funds allocated total over \$125 million.

Proposition 1A High Speed Rail Bond Guidelines

The CTC re-affirmed the previously adopted guidelines for the Proposition 1A High Speed Rail Connectivity Program. The CTC is soliciting updated project proposals from eligible transit operators, and plans to present the updated program of projects to the CTC at the May or June Commission meeting. The CTC expects the updated program will be consistent with the High Speed Rail Authority’s updated business plan calling for a blended strategy. MTC adopted a Memorandum of Understanding supporting the blended strategy in March (MTC Resolution No. 4056).

Issues: None

Recommendation: Information. No action required.

Attachments: None