

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

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Item Number 6

California Transportation Commission Update

Subject: Update on the June 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.

June CTC Meeting (June 27, Ontario, California)

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

Proposition 1A High Speed Rail Bond Connectivity Program Amendment

The CTC approved the amendment to the Proposition 1A High Speed Rail Bond Connectivity Program. The amendment was reviewed by the California High Speed Rail Authority on June 8, and the approval sets the stage for the Legislature to consider appropriating bond funds for the High Speed Rail program. The Bay Area's proposal includes a set of interrelated projects that support the blended system strategy along the Peninsula Corridor from San Jose to San Francisco (as adopted under MTC Resolution No. 4056).

CMIA Project Allocations – New Projects Using Savings

After delivering all Bay Area CMIA projects previously programmed in May, the CTC allocated an additional \$61.7 million in cost savings to four Bay Area projects. These projects are I-680 Freeway Performance Initiative, Phase 1, in Alameda County (\$7 million), US-101 Marin-Sonoma Narrows High-Occupancy Vehicle Lane Extensions Southbound (\$4.7 million) and Northbound in Marin County (\$17.2 million); and SR-116 Bridges in Sonoma County (\$32.8 million). These new projects will bring congestion relief on major corridors in the Bay Area.

New CMIA Cost Savings Policy: SHOPP Emphasis

The CTC adopted a revised CMIA cost savings policy this month for any cost savings accrued between July and December 2012. These future savings will be allocated to eligible State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) projects that are in the procurement phase. This strategy will ensure no CMIA funds are lost after the December 31, 2012 award deadline. MTC staff will work with Caltrans to identify important and eligible candidate SHOPP projects to utilize any future CMIA savings, such as Freeway Performance Initiative projects.

Issues: Over the past few months, CTC staff has been working with the Port of Oakland on their Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) projects. CTC staff has requested that the Port address comments raised by the CTC no later than July 9, 2012. MTC staff will continue to work with the Port and CTC staff and will report any new developments to the Commission if necessary.

Recommendation: Information. No action required.

Attachments: None