

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

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Item Number 6

California Transportation Commission Update

Subject: Update on the September 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.

September CTC Meeting (September 27, Burlingame, California)

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

Proposition 1B CMIA Program Savings Beneficial Plan

Caltrans presented an information item to the CTC outlining the proposed use of Corridor Mobility Improvement Account savings accrued from July to December 2012 on two State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) projects: the Gerald Desmond Bridge and Devore Interchange in Southern California. The freed-up SHOPP funds would then be used to advance high-priority future year SHOPP projects, including an I-580 bridge replacement project in Oakland.

Proposition 1A High Speed Rail Bond Allocations

The Commission allocated over \$100 million in Proposition 1A High Speed Rail Bond Connectivity Program funds to two Bay Area projects: Caltrain Advanced Signal System (\$39.8 million), and San Francisco Central Subway (\$61.3 million). Both projects are consistent with the Bay Area's Memorandum of Understanding with the California High Speed Rail Authority (MTC Resolution No. 4056) and support the blended strategy for delivering high speed rail.

Various Proposition 1B Bond Allocations

The CTC allocated a number of Proposition 1B bond funds to Bay Area projects, including \$37.6 million in State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) funds for two projects in Sonoma County (\$6.4 million), two projects for BART (\$18.4 million), and one project for AC Transit (\$12.8 million); and \$7.5 million in Traffic Light Synchronization Program (TLSP) funds for the San Mateo Smart Corridor project.

Proposition 1B HRCSA 2012 Program

The Commission approved the 2012 Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Account (HRCSA) Program, which included two Bay Area projects: Caltrain San Mateo Grade Separation Project, Phase 2 (\$9 million), and the Richmond Marina Bay Grade Separation (\$4.2 million).

Issues: None.

Recommendation: Information. No action required.

Attachments: None