

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

April 9, 2014

Item Number 6

California Transportation Commission Update

Subject: Update on the March 2014 California Transportation Commission Meeting

Background: The California Transportation Commission (CTC) is responsible for programming and allocating state funds for the construction of highway, passenger rail, non-motorized facilities, 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 Chair Carl Guardino.

March CTC Meeting (March 20, Orange County, California)

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

2014 STIP Adoption

The CTC approved the 2014 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), including \$140 million in new project funding for the Bay Area. Significant projects include \$14.7 million for the BART Extension to San Jose/Santa Clara, \$12.5 million for the San Francisco Central Subway, \$10 million for the SR-84 Expressway Widening project in Livermore (Alameda County), and \$10 million for the I-680 Southbound HOV Lane Gap Closure project (Contra Costa County). The 2014 STIP also included over \$15 million in new bicycle and pedestrian enhancement projects for the Bay Area.

Active Transportation Program Guidelines

CTC approved the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Guidelines and released the Statewide ATP Call for Projects. This cycle of ATP will provide about \$180 million available in the Statewide Competitive Program. The current cycle of funding will be available to program in FY2014-15 and FY2015-16. Applications for the Statewide Program are due to Caltrans on May 21.

The guidelines for the ATP Regional Competitive Program are before you today as agenda item 4a, with a call for projects proposed to be issued immediately after CTC approves MTC's ATP Guidelines in May 2014.

Proposition 1B – Program Changes

CTC approved updates to two programs in Proposition 1B. First, CTC approved an allocation extension for projects in the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) program to June 2016. Staff is working with our Northern California partners to identify candidate projects for any future savings that may accrue in the TCIF program.

Second, CTC approved using State Highway Account (SHA) funds freed up from CMIA savings on mobility/operational improvement and bridge preservation projects in the State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP). The Bay Area has a number of candidate projects and staff will work with Caltrans to secure SHA/SHOPP funds for these project types.

Managed Lanes Discussion

Caltrans staff presented an update on the status of managed lanes (such as Express Lanes) to the CTC. Caltrans is developing a policy laying out responsibilities, pricing, and revenue sharing with regional partners. MTC Operations staff is working with Caltrans on the development of this policy. CTC commissioners expressed interest in having programming authority over Express Lane revenues. Caltrans Director Dougherty reminded the Commissioners that cooperative agreements with Express Lane agencies have already determined how revenue will be allocated.

Various STIP Allocations

The CTC approved STIP allocations for Caldecott Tunnel Follow-Up Landscaping (\$1.6 million), Windsor Old Redwood Highway Enhancements in Sonoma County (\$0.5 million), and San Francisco Crosswalk Conversions (\$0.3 million).

Issues: None.

Recommendation: Information. No action required.

Attachments: None