

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

January 14, 2015

Item Number 5

California Transportation Commission Update

Subject: Update on the December 2014 California Transportation Commission Meeting.

Background: The California Transportation Commission (CTC) is responsible for programming and allocating certain 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.

December CTC Meeting (December 10, Riverside, California)

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

Road Usage Charge Technical Advisory Committee Formation

Senate Bill 1077 (DeSaulnier) requires the CTC create a 15-member Road Usage Charge Technical Advisory Committee to study road usage charge alternatives to the gas tax and to make recommendations on the design of a pilot program. CTC approved the make-up of this Committee, which includes Commissioner Scott Haggerty and State Senator Jim Beall (D-San Jose). The California State Transportation Agency must implement a road usage charge pilot program by January 1, 2017.

Other CTC Actions / Items

The CTC also discussed the following:

- Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan (ITSP) Update. Caltrans is developing a new ITSP that will guide the Interregional portion of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The draft ITSP is expected for public review in March 2015.
- Proposition 1B Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) Cost Savings. CTC de-allocated TCIF/SHOPP funds from the I-80 Interchange project in Solano County and the US-101 Freeway Performance Initiative project in Santa Clara County due to cost savings.
- STIP Amendments for Santa Clara County. CTC reviewed proposed amendments to the 2014 STIP affecting projects the US-101 Adobe Creek Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge project in Palo Alto and The Alameda Grand Blvd. Phase 2 project in San Jose. These amendments will be considered for action at the January CTC meeting.
- New CTC Executive Director Announced. With the retirement of current CTC Executive Director Andre Boutros at the end of 2014, the CTC announced the appointment of the new Executive Director, Will Kempton, effective mid-January. Mr. Kempton previously served as CEO of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Caltrans Director, and Director of the Santa Clara County Traffic Authority.

Issues: None.

Recommendation: Information. No action required.

Attachments: None