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Memorandum

TO: Legislation Committee DATE: April 3, 2015

FR: Executive Director W. I. 1131

RE: AB 194 (Frazier): Express Lanes: Renewal of California Transportation Commission Authority

Background
AB 194 revives the California Transportation Commission (CTC)'s ability to approve new express lanes and eliminates the cap on the total number of facilities CTC may approve. While MTC has already received approval from the CTC for the first phase of the Bay Area Express Lane Network, expansion beyond the already-approved 270 mile-network in Alameda, Contra Costa and Solano Counties under development by MTC will require new authority. This bill would allow Caltrans and regional transportation agencies to independently apply to the CTC for the authority to develop and operate express lanes.

Recommendation: Support

Discussion
Staff recommends a support position on AB 194. As the bill moves through the legislative process and negotiations take place with the Brown Administration — which proposed its own express lane bill as a budget trailer bill — staff will work to ensure advancement of MTC's express lane goals, including ensuring adequate bonding authority for existing and future facilities, adequate control over corridor operational decisions and assurances for consultation with local transportation agencies with respect to future express lanes.

Known Positions

Support
Bay Area Council
California Asphalt Pavement Association

Oppose
None on file

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