

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
Programming and Allocations Committee**

October 12, 2011

Item Number 4

**California Transportation Commission Update**

**Subject:** Update on the September 2011 California Transportation Commission Meetings

**Background:** The California Transportation Commission is responsible for the programming and allocation of 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 in its geographic area: Bob Alvarado, Jim Ghielmetti, and Carl Guardino.

September CTC Meeting (September 15, Petaluma, California)

The Commission met in Petaluma and discussed the following issues of significance to the Bay Area:

**Bay Area Express Lanes Project Briefing**

MTC Executive Director Steve Heminger gave an overview of the Bay Area Express Lanes project to the Commission. The presentation precedes the application MTC will submit for consideration at the October CTC meeting to authorize express lanes on selected Bay Area highways. CTC's ability to authorize express lanes expires in December 2011.

**Proposition 1B CMIA Amendments for Sonoma County Projects**

CTC approved two amendments for US-101 CMIA projects in Sonoma County. The first amendment adjusted the CMIA allocation downward to reflect cost savings on the US-101 HOV Lanes Wilfred Segment. The second amendment updated the US-101 Marin-Sonoma Narrows Segment B-4 project to include scope for the Petaluma River Bridge Widening, which recently received \$45 million in CMIA cost savings. Along with \$13.5 million in local funds, the total cost of the bridge widening is \$58.5 million.

**FFY 2010-11 FTA Section 5310 Elderly and Disabled Transit Program**

CTC approved the FY2010-11 FTA Section 5310 Program of Projects, which includes \$25.9 million in federal grant funding, \$4.7 million of which was awarded to Bay Area non-profit organizations and public agencies. These entities will purchase transit capital equipment to meet the specialized needs of elderly and/or disabled persons in the region.

**Issues:** None

**Recommendation:** Information. No action required.

**Attachments:** None

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