Update on the February 2012 California Transportation Commission Meeting

The California Transportation Commission is responsible for programming and allocating 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.

February CTC Meeting (February 22-23, Burbank, California)
The Commission discussed the following issues of significance to the Bay Area:

Overview of 2012 State Highway Operations & Protection Program (SHOPP)
Caltrans gave a presentation about the 2012 SHOPP, which maintains the State Highway System. Unfortunately, the state highway needs far outpace the amount of revenue anticipated. Annually, there is only about $2 billion in revenue, with over $7 billion in need. The Commission committed to work with the Legislature to address this funding gap.

Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) Update
The CTC received an update of all unallocated Proposition 1B CMIA projects, including those in the Bay Area. The region has a total of 19 projects that have not received allocation of funds. One project, the Solano I-80/680/12 Interchange, is expected to be de-programmed from the CMIA program, and CTC staff is preparing an alternate funding plan. The project sponsors expect the remaining projects to be allocated in the next three months, with the majority of allocations slated for the March and April CTC meetings. The CTC will consider programming additional CMIA funds from cost savings in the March and April timeframe. MTC staff is in regular contact with CTC staff about the status of the region’s projects as well as projects that could use additional CMIA savings.

Presidio Parkway (Doyle Drive Replacement) Update
Caltrans and the San Francisco County Transportation Authority gave an update on the Presidio Parkway project. The partners discussed the shortfall of funds on the project due to certain revenues not materializing. See item 4a on this agenda for a proposed funding strategy to close the gap.

Other Actions
The CTC approved allocating $600,000 in Transportation Enhancement funds to Rohnert Park’s Copeland Creek Path, and $6.2 million in supplemental State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds from Santa Clara’s county share to the SR-87 HOV Lane project. The CTC also de-allocated $19.1 million of CMIA funds from the SR-12 Jameson Canyon Widening project in Napa and Solano Counties due to cost savings at award.

Issues:
None

Recommendation:
Information. No action required.

Attachments:
None