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TO: Planning, Policy and Legislation Committee

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SUBJECT: Development of the 2020 Countywide Transportation Plan Update

Recommendation

This item provides an update to the Commission on the development of the 2020 Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP). This item is for information only.

Summary

Every four years, Alameda CTC prepares and updates the CTP, which is a long-range planning and policy document to guide future transportation development for all transportation modes and users in Alameda County. The existing CTP was adopted in 2016, and is due for an update by 2020. The CTP is expected to be completed and adopted in June of 2020 (Attachment A).

The CTP informs and feeds into the region’s long range Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) which is developed by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and is also updated every four years. MTC has initiated the update to Plan Bay Area 2040, which serves as the region’s RTP/SCS. Alameda CTC will actively participate in the Plan Bay Area update process and coordinate the CTP development with the Plan Bay Area update.

Discussion

Alameda CTC, working closely with member agencies, develops and updates the CTP. The 2020 CTP will have a 2050 horizon, consistent with the RTP, and will address opportunities and challenges facing the county’s transportation system, assess potential impacts of major trends on the transportation system, and articulate a set of priority initiatives, including projects, programs and policies. While the CTP will look out to 2050 to consider long-term trends and challenges, given the huge uncertainties when looking that far into the future, the
effort will focus on identifying a more near-term vision to guide Alameda CTC’s transportation planning efforts.

The CTP will include the following efforts to help frame and inform the long term vision:

- Evaluate major performance trends to identify significant needs both in the shorter and longer term time horizons.
- Assess and document emerging trends that could influence travel patterns and needs within and to/from Alameda County.
- Consider opportunities for stronger coordination between transportation, land use and economic development to support the diversity of needs and opportunities throughout the county.
- Establish a methodology for identifying the major needs in the county over multiple time horizons.
- Develop specific action plans for each major need identified through the performance-based assessment. This could include recommendations for large capital projects, programs of smaller capital projects, programs (e.g. Safe Routes to School), operational strategies, and policies. This will include near and medium term strategies as well as a long term vision.
- Initiate partnerships with local jurisdictions, regional partners and other public and private partners to implement the CTP.

Outreach to Jurisdictions: Alameda CTC initiated the 2020 CTP process through meetings with Alameda County jurisdictions and transit agencies, starting in November 2018 and continuing into January. The purpose of these meetings was to identify major initiatives and emerging transportation priorities within Alameda County jurisdictions and transit agencies, and hear directly from our local partners about the challenges and opportunities they see. Key themes heard during these meetings will be shared at the Committee meeting.

State of the System Report: To inform the 2020 CTP, Alameda CTC will develop a comprehensive assessment of the county’s transportation network. The document will be a “state of the system” report that will assess the performance of the county’s transportation system with the intent of highlighting gaps and issue areas within the county’s transportation network.

The objective of the analysis is to identify key issues in the performance of today’s transportation system and assess how these issues affect mobility and access of people and goods throughout the county. This effort will build off of Alameda CTC’s robust Congestion Management Program, which includes a number of performance reporting elements, and identify critical issues, opportunities and challenges to lay the framework for the CTP. Additionally, this task will show how trends affect future performance across user groups/major commute corridors.
At the completion of this task, the state of the system report shall provide enough detail and content to enable Alameda CTC staff to (1) identify focus areas for the CTP development and (2) develop initial strategies and articulate a work plan to further develop and refine strategies for these focus areas.

**CTP development process and schedule:** Similar to the 2016 CTP development, the 2020 CTP update will be a transparent process, with Alameda CTC working closely with the jurisdictions, transit agencies, and stakeholders. Public engagement for the Plan will be held at strategic milestones throughout the Plan development process to ensure the public has the ability to inform and be aware of the plan, and focus on providing convenient and effective opportunities for the public to engage.

The Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee (ACTAC) will serve as the primary technical working group informing the development of the CTP and will have CTP-related items on its agenda throughout its development. Both Public Works/Transportation ACTAC representatives as well as the Planning Directors from member agencies will be invited to participate at these meetings. Following discussions with ACTAC, CTP items will come before the Planning Policy and Legislation Committee for discussion and input on a regular basis over the course of the development of the CTP.

**Fiscal Impact:** There is no current fiscal impact associated with the requested action.

**Attachment:**

A. 2020 CTP Update Schedule
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# Countywide Transportation Plan

## Draft Key Milestones for FY 2018-19 through FY 2019-20

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### Trends and System Assessment

- Hold kick-off meetings with jurisdictions and transit agencies
- Develop State of the System report
- Hold Alameda CTC Commission kick-off meeting

### Applications, Technical Studies and Outreach

- Release Call for Projects
- Provide issue papers
- Conduct outreach activities
- Hold Alameda CTC Commission Retreat (tentative)
- Assess projects

### Policy Development, Prioritization and Outreach

- Develop draft policies and strategies
- Finalize policies and strategies
- Develop draft Plan*
- Release draft Plan
- Conduct outreach activities

### Adoption

- Finalize Plan
- Adopt Plan

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* Plan (Countywide Transportation Plan)
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