

Meeting Minutes

Details

Date: October 5, 2022 & October 6, 2022
Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am (Closed Session) & 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Location: Webex
Meeting Objectives: The objective of the meeting is to provide updates and discuss current state freight efforts including the State Freight Plan, funding programs and other related items.

Attendees

Facilitator: Caltrans
Scribe: Treasure Acevedo
Attendees: CFAC members, Caltrans, FHWA, CalSTA, GO-Biz, CARB, Public individuals

Agenda Items

Agenda Item [#1]: Introduction/Call Meeting to Order CFAC Meeting Part I: Closed Session (Members Only)

Welcome:

Jeanie Ward-Waller, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Deputy Director, Planning and Modal Programs

Jeanie Ward-Waller, as Chair of the California Freight Advisory Committee (CFAC) welcomed attendees. Additionally, Jeanie gave an overview of the agenda, provided brief opening remarks.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Status	Deadline
[None]	[None]	[None]	[None]

Agenda Item [#2]: Informational Presentation and Feedback California Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP) Update:

Presentation:

Jeff Morneau, Caltrans, CFMP Program Manager, Office of Strategic Freight Planning

Jeff Morneau gave a presentation on the current effort to update the California Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP) to meet the requirements of the new Federal Infrastructure Investments and Job Act (IIJA). Due to the new requirements, the state freight plan must be updated every four (4) years. The CFMP will need to be updated and approved by Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) by July 2023. During the presentation Jeff provided the proposed content of the CFMP 2023 update and outreach schedule for the plan.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Status	Deadline
[None]	[None]	[None]	[None]

Agenda Item [#3]: Breakout Discussion California Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP) Update

Presentation:

Jeff Morneau, Caltrans, CFMP Program Manager, Office of Strategic Freight Planning

Jeff Morneau gave a presentation on the CFMP 2020 Vision Statement CFMP 2020 Goals, Objectives, and Strategies (related to CAPTI and other key strategies). Feedback was requested of CFAC members regarding additions, changes, or removal of language in the Vision Statement, Goals, Objectives and Strategies.

Discussion:

Jeff Morneau presented the committee with the current Vision Statement, Goals, Objectives, and Strategies.

Key Topics included:

- The vision statement discussion included emphasis on economic competitiveness, health of the economy, and to specifically call out social and environmental equity while highlighting air quality concerns.
- Multimodal mobility should focus on facilitating growth and increasing the throughput of goods by investing in freight infrastructure. The discussion included bottlenecks, mode shifts, tolling, and other strategies to improve the multi mobility of the freight system.
- Feedback from Economic Prosperity goal included discussion on smart capacity improvement, focus on all level of education (not just higher education) and continued support for private and public partnerships.
- The Environmental Stewardship discussion included the topics of strategies that directly identify air quality, equity, and safety concerns. The environmental stewardship discussion identified the need to play a supporting role for air quality in relation to air quality regulations.

- The Healthy Communities goals discussion centered around the need for all strategies to be prioritized equally. The healthy community strategies discussion identified the need for specificity on the types of partnerships and disadvantaged groups that will be included in this effort.
- The Safety and Resiliency goal recognized the need for more strategies on system maintenance and an emphasis on the safety measures. The strategies should also remain zero-emission neutral regarding hydrogen and battery electric medium and heavy-duty vehicles and infrastructure.
- The Asset Management Goal identified the need to maintain and preserve infrastructure assets and be inclusive of all modal assets.
- The Connectivity and Accessibility Goal discussed the need to address improvement of transportation choices to improve system connectivity. This topic included the potential to add more information on truck platooning and inland ports within the goal strategies.
- The committee members and attendees provided input using the type in the chat box function or raising their hand to speak. Input and feedback were collected to inform the CFMP 2023 update.

Conclusions: Caltrans will continue to engage the CFAC regularly to help advise and inform the update of the CFMP.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Status	Deadline
Review the feedback and input provided by CFAC and incorporate into the CFMP 2023 update effort.	Jeff Morneau	In Progress	[None]

Agenda Item [#4]: Introduction/Call Meeting to Order Meeting Part II Open session

Welcome:

Jeanie Ward-Waller, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Deputy Director, Planning and Modal Programs

Jeanie Ward-Waller, as Chair of the California Freight Advisory Committee (CFAC) welcomed attendees. Additionally, Jeanie gave an overview of the agenda, provided brief opening remarks.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Status	Deadline
[None]	[None]	[None]	[None]

Agenda Item [#5]: Informational Presentation and Feedback Report-out of CFAC Meeting Part I Discussion

Presentation:

Jeff Morneau, Caltrans, CFMP Program Manager, Office of Strategic Freight Planning

Jeff Morneau gave an overview of the key points from the discussion of the current Goals, Objectives and Strategies to acquire feedback from CFAC.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Status	Deadline
[None]	[None]	[None]	[None]

Agenda Item [#6]: Informational Presentation and Feedback Report-out of CFAC Meeting Part I Discussion

Presentation:

Alison Nealon, Caltrans, Associate Transportation Planner, Office of Strategic Freight Planning,

Alison Nealon presented the new requirements of the IJA for State Freight Advisory committees and the actions that need to be taken so the CFAC remains in compliance with the new requirements.

- The current CFAC membership application form which is the vetting process that will need to be created to assess each CFAC members qualifications to serve as a committee member will be edited and sent out to all members.
- Caltrans will need to solicit new groups like Community Based Organizations, Environmental Groups, etc. to increase representation among the committee.

Conclusions: Caltrans will continue to engage the CFAC regularly to help advise and inform the update of the CFAC charter and qualifications vetting process.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Status	Deadline
The amended CFAC membership application form will be circulated after the input from CFAC is included. An email with the amended survey will be sent out within the next two weeks.	Alison Nealon	Completed	December 31 st , 2022

Agenda Item [#7]. Panel Discussion Questions & Answers FHWA, CTC, CalSTA, and Caltrans Updates Q&A

Panel Discussion:

Antonio Johnson, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Director of Planning and Environment

Antonio Johnson introduced Patrick Penature as the new team leader for Planning & Air Quality at the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Hannah Walter, California Transportation Commission (CTC), Associate Deputy Director

Hannah Walter gave a brief update on the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) guidelines, Senate Bill 671: Clean Freight Corridor Assessment.

- Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) is due Nov 18th. CTC will start the review after the deadline.
- There was a Senate Bill 671: Clean Freight Corridor Assessment In person meeting held on October 6th to solicit feedback.
- The next Senate Bill 671: Clean Freight Corridor Assessment meeting will be on Nov 4th.

Avital Barnea California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), Deputy Secretary for Transportation Planning

Avital Barnea gave an overview of the recently passed 2022-2023 California State Budget and highlighted key areas for transportation investments. This included the \$1.2 Billion Port and Freight Infrastructure Program to address supply chain resiliency and port projects.

- CalSTA published the 2022 annual CAPTI progress report this last Monday October 3rd, which included 13 action items.
- First year CalSTA has completed 88 percent of the action items
- CalSTA completed the implementation of mainstreaming the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program and has aligned with TSIP to strengthen community engagement
- CalSTA is currently working to address the CAPTI action that will incorporate Zero-Emission Freight Infrastructure needs into the California Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP). This action will prioritize zero-emission transportation infrastructure to reduce community impacts and goals.
- CalSTA is currently accepting comments on the DRAFT annual report through Nov 3rd. The report will go through, and update and a final version will be available for review in December.

Yatman Kwan, Caltrans, Chief, Office of Sustainable Freight Planning

- Caltrans, in partnership with San Diego Association of Governments, received \$150 million in INFRA 2022 funding for the Otay Mesa East Port of Entry Project. The project will construct a new toll road (State Route 11) and Port of Entry (POE) facility. It also includes inspection equipment for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, zero-emission chargers for staff vehicles, a Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility to be used by the California Highway Patrol and FMCSA, and deployment of intelligent transportation systems throughout the Port of Entry.
- Caltrans recently completed Active Transportation (CAT) plans in each of the department's 12 districts that identify regional needs for bicyclists and pedestrian and identify specific locations for active

transportation improvements. The CAT Plans further the goals set out in the 2017 State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The Caltrans Active Transportation Plans website contains links to each of the 12 localized plans, as well as a “story map” for each, which provides an interactive way to view existing conditions and needs for people walking and biking.

- Development of the Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan (ITSP) Addendum is currently underway. The addendum will include strategies to implement the 2021 ITSP policies and goals and will inform the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program.
- Caltrans is going to administer \$50 million in transportation climate adaptation planning grants, which were allocated in this year's State budget, in partnership with the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program.
- The Draft Interim Caltrans System Investment Strategy is now posted online and is open for stakeholder feedback. Feedback is due by November 14th. You can share your comments by emailing CSIS@dot.ca.gov
- The Draft Application Guide for the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program is at the final stages of approval and should be released this month for a 30-day comment period. The program includes \$17 million in competitive Sustainable Communities Grants, \$50 million in Climate Adaptation Planning Grants, and \$4.5 million in Strategic Partnerships Grants. The final two workshops for the year will be held in November and the call for applications will follow in December. The due date for applications has yet to be determined.
- The Regional Transportation Plan Guidelines update will be announced at the CTC meeting next week in Santa Barbara with a short presentation. The official RTP Guidelines Kickoff meeting will be held later this month on the 27th. Key update areas will be discussed as well as workgroups and timeline. Major update areas include:
 - Equity and Engagement
 - Housing and Homelessness
 - Environmental Sustainability and Conservation
 - Goods Movement and Economic Development
 - Performance Management
 - Modeling
- The planned final adoption is in December of 2023 with several workshops being held throughout that time as well as two 30-day comment periods during the update where the public will have an opportunity to provide input.

Agenda Item [#8]: Purpose: Purpose: Informational Presentation and Feedback the Port and Freight Infrastructure Program Presentation

Eric Fredericks Freight Policy Coordinator, California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)

- The Port and Freight Infrastructure Program will be announced the application guidelines in the coming weeks.
- CalSTA will announce application due dates and application review schedule. These are currently delayed but well be announced shortly.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Status	Deadline
[None]	[None]	[None]	[None]

Agenda Item [#9]: Purpose: Public Comments and Action Item Review

Jeanie Ward-Waller, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Deputy Director, Planning and Modal Programs

Jeanie Ward-Waller stated three (3) action items and opened the floor to public comment.

Public Comment:

My email is aravind.kailas@volvo.com and consider me a resource on ZEV and INFRA topics. Aravind Kailas wants more funding towards charging and electric vehicles.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Status	Deadline
1. The amended CFAC Membership application will be circulated to CFAC members within the next week.	Alison Nealon	Completed	[None}
2. Review the feedback and input provided by CFAC and incorporate into the CFMP 2023 update effort for the Vision Statement, Goals, Strategies and objectives.	Jeff Morneau	In Progress	[None}
3. The next Senate Bill 671: Clean Freight Corridor Assessment meeting will be on Nov 4th. If you would like to go to this meeting, please email Hannah.Walter@catc.ca.gov .	Hannah Walter	In Progress	[None}

