

California Freight Advisory Committee (CFAC) Summary Meeting Notes

June 12, 2013

Next CFAC Meeting: Late July or early August in either Stockton or the Bay Area

Decisions:

- CFAC Charter is final after revisions discussed during CFAC meeting are made. The CFAC can make changes to the charter as needed.
- California Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP) Vision Statement is final after revisions discussed during CFAC meeting are made.
- The meeting structure of four hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. works for the CFAC members.

Action Items:

- Agency will summarize the feedback received regarding the California Transportation Infrastructure Priorities (CTIP) Workgroup for discussion at a future CFAC meeting.
 - In the CFAC Charter, Caltrans will confirm that the CFAC is not subject to the Bagley-Keene Act, will include Tribal Governments under the Members section, and consider including a community group representative on the CFAC that is chosen by community groups statewide.
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 - In the CFMP Vision Statement, Caltrans will add “and domestic commerce” after “international trade”, change “promoting” to “ensuring”, will consider including a mention of California being a 21st century leader, and consider mentioning the connection between the mobility of freight and people.
 - Caltrans will distill information gathered in the breakout group discussion worksheets and report back to the committee at the following meeting.
 - Committee members will review the freight network maps in preparation for the next CFAC meeting.
 - Committee members can submit agenda items suggestions for the next meeting.
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- 1) Kome Ajise (Deputy Director of Planning Modal Programs, Caltrans) - Call meeting to order, housekeeping, agenda overview
- 2) Bob Foster (Mayor, City of Long Beach) – Welcome
 - a. Bob Foster unable to attend
- 3) Susan E. Anderson Wise (Commission President, Port of Long Beach) – Port freight perspectives, challenges, and opportunities
 - a. Described the significance of the Port of Long Beach which has 140 shipping lines, is the 2nd busiest port in the U.S., moves \$155 billion dollars in goods annually, and supports 1 in 8 jobs in Long Beach. The port will be investing \$4.5 billion to upgrade facilities over the next decade in order to keep the port competitive. A green port policy has also been integrated into port operations.
- 4) Ben De Alba (Special Assistant, Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency) - California Transportation Infrastructure Priorities (CTIP) Workgroup
 - a. The CTIP kicked off in spring in order to provide advice and recommendations for the Governor by fall of 2013 regarding prioritized transportation infrastructure needs, funding option recommendations, appropriate level of government to deliver high-priority investments, and performance measures.
 - b. The CFAC members were asked to provide input on how the state can partner with the freight industry to meet needs in preservation (fix it first), innovation (employ tech to better system management), integration, and performance.
 - i. Action Item: Agency will summarize the feedback received regarding the CTIP Workgroup for discussion at a future CFAC meeting.

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- 5) Kome Ajise – Finalize charter, finalize vision statement, and lead breakout group discussion of Freight Plan Goals
 - a. CFAC Charter: Members were asked to identify any objectionable items in the charter. The members asked to ensure that the CFAC is not subject to the Bagley-Keene Act and to include Tribal Governments under the Members section. It was also suggested that Caltrans consider including a community group representative on the CFAC that is chosen by community groups statewide. After identifying changes the charter was finalized, pending the needed changes, with the CFAC having the ability to change the charter as needed.
 - i. Action item: Caltrans will ensure that the CFAC is not subject to the Bagley-Keene Act, will include Tribal Governments under the Members section, and consider including a community group representative on the CFAC that is chosen by community groups statewide.
 - ii. Decision: the CFAC Charter is final, pending the identified changes.
 - b. CFMP Vision Statement: Members were presented with the updated vision statement and asked for any additional comments. In general, members were happy with the updated vision statement and suggested adding “domestic commerce”, changing “promoting” to “ensuring”, and asked Caltrans to consider including a mention of California being a 21st century leader and including the connection between freight and people mobility.
 - i. Action Item: Caltrans will make the identified changes to the vision statement, will consider including a mention of California being a 21st century leader, and consider mentioning the connection between the mobility of freight and people.
 - ii. Decision: The vision statement is final, pending the identified changes.
 - c. Breakout discussions held among committee members to develop the California Freight Mobility Plan’s goals.
- 6) Jack Kitowski (Assistant Chief of Stationary Source Division, California Air Resources Board) – Haagen-Smit Symposium summary and application to State Freight Plan
 - a. Provided an update on the Haagen-Smit Symposium, discussed the Air Resources Board’s efforts on sustainable freight, and identified next steps. The Haagen-Smit was sponsored by Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, brought together a diverse group of stakeholders, and focused on how to meet energy needs and develop a successful coalition. ARB will be developing a sustainable freight strategy over the next 18 months and will be going to the board on July 25 to present the goals and objectives of the strategy and to outline the schedule and structure of process.
- 7) Hasan Ikhata (Executive Director, Southern California Association of Governments) – SCAG’s Freight Plan, On The Move: Southern California Delivers the Goods
 - a. Discussed the SCAG region’s freight system and how the CFAC should move forward. SCAG’s freight system includes 6 commercial airports, holds the 2 largest U.S. ports, has a large internal market, moves \$336 billion in maritime cargo, provides a third of the region’s employment, and is the third largest manufacturing center in the country. The suggested future improvements suggested by SCAG include clean tech truck lanes, truck bottleneck relief, expanding rail capacity, and implementing an environmental action plan. Hasan recommended that the CFAC position itself to compete for funding and to influence policy. To do that the CFAC needs to understand how complex the freight system is, agree on the facts and be able to discuss where we disagree, and keep a statewide perspective without becoming sidetracked by local issues.

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- 8) Kome Ajise – Introductory discussion of Draft Freight Plan goals and objectives, Lead breakout group discussion
 - a. Breakout discussions held among committee members to develop the California Freight Mobility Plan’s objectives using the goals they developed earlier in the meeting. Once the groups were finished the entire Committee discussed the results.
 - b. For details of what each breakout group developed, please see [June 2013 Breakout Discussion Results](#).
 - i. Action Item: Caltrans will distill information gathered in the breakout group discussion worksheets and report back to the committee at the following meeting.

- 9) Bruce de Terra (Chief, Office of System and Freight Planning, Caltrans) – National and State Freight Networks
 - a. The freight network map packet was introduced to the committee for their consideration prior to the next CFAC meeting. Any action on the map was deferred until the following meeting.
 - i. Action Item: Committee members will review the freight network maps in preparation for the next CFAC meeting.

- 10) Kome Ajise – Next Meeting location, topics, interim communication
 - a. Next meeting – late July or early August in Bay Area or Stockton.
 - b. The meeting structure of four hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. works for the CFAC members.
 - c. Committee members can submit agenda suggestions for next meeting.