

California Freight Advisory Committee

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Overview

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- ▶ Why the State Smart Transportation Initiative (SSTI)?
- ▶ Overall Findings
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Why Review Caltrans?

- ▶ Reform at Caltrans and its programs has been underway for several years, both from legislative and administrative action.
- ▶ Despite recent efforts and past studies of Caltrans, the Secretary believed a fresh external review of Caltrans would be beneficial.



Why SSTI?

- ▶ State Smart Transportation Initiative (SSTI)
- ▶ Based at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.
- ▶ SSTI drew on the experience of multiple transportation industry experts, including the former Secretaries of Transportation from Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and North Carolina.



SSTI's Review of Caltrans

- ▶ Took seven months to complete
- ▶ Interviewed 110 people within and outside of Caltrans
- ▶ Poured over thousands of pages of documents including prior reviews, audits, guidelines, policy papers, etc.



Report's Overall Findings

- ▶ Over the past decades the department has not kept pace with changes in transportation policy.
- ▶ Caltrans should modernize its mission, strengthen management and performance, and match investments and resources to the state's policy goals.

SSTI's Recommendations Concerning Freight





SSTI's Recommendations: Freight

- ▶ Establish a modern mission, vision and goals that reflect current state law and policy.
 - Sustainability, freight and preservation must be components
- ▶ Align resources with goals
 - Plan and prioritize for rail and freight
- ▶ Focus on Freight
 - Create focal point for freight policy
 - Identify major corridors that should receive significant attention

Next Steps

- ▶ Currently working on initial implementation steps:
 - Establish new mission, vision and goals
 - Caltrans and CalSTA are organizing teams to develop implementation actions and performance measures





Questions?

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