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Dianne Steinhauser, Transportation Authority of Marin, reported on the Highway 101/580 and the Marin 101 Gap Closure projects. Ms. Steinhauser reviewed the handout entitled, "Highway 101 Corridor – North of the Gate," which was distributed at the meeting.

Phil Dow, Mendocino COG, thanked Ms. Steinhauser for coming to the meeting and asked the Commission to consider Mendocino as a future Commission meeting site. Mr. Dow explained the importance of Highway 101 to the county's economy; that it is the lifeline of the North Coast and is critical for goods movement and passenger travel. The Willits Bypass and Hopland Bypass are the COG's highest priority projects. Mendocino is linked economically to the Bay Area by Highway 101 and it is the county's only one north-south route on the state system. The only other north/south route is 85 miles east of Highway 101.

Chair Bergeson thanked everyone for their excellent presentations and congratulated Ms. Smith on her recent marriage.

- 4 • Approval of Minutes for September 6-7, 2006 Meetings 1.2

Chair Bergeson asked for approval of the September 6-7, 2006 minutes. Commissioner Torres moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Zarian seconded the motion, which carried 9-0.

- 5 • Commissioners' Meetings for Compensation 1.5

Chair Bergeson requested approval of the September 2006 Commissioners' Meetings for Compensation.

Commissioner Torres added a meeting he attended in Los Angeles on September 15 with local county officials.

Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve the September 2006 Meetings for Compensation, as modified. Commissioner Chalker seconded the motion, which carried 9-0.

2:30pm

- 6 • Hearing and Adoption of FFY 2006-07 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Elderly and Disabled Transit Program Resolution G-06-14 4.4

TIMED ITEM: Wednesday, October 11, 2006 at 2:30pm

Assistant Deputy Director Annette Gilbertson reviewed Item #6, which was the public hearing and adoption of the Federal Fiscal Year 2006-07 Elderly and Disabled Persons Transit Program. The purpose of the hearing was to receive comments on overall program policy and not specific scoring.

At the September Commission meeting, staff reported that the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) included a new requirement that the project list be derived from a coordinated public transit-human service transportation plan. Since the application cycle began prior to final guidance of this new requirement from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Department provided the FTA with a letter that identified several activities that the State and local agencies have undertaken since the passage of SAFETEA-LU that they believe meet the coordinated planning requirement. The Department has received a response from the FTA, and both parties have come to an understanding that for the 2006-07 cycle, the Department will certify that the projects are consistent with the Regional Transportation Plans, and that the Department will continue to work with local agencies on the development of the public transit-human service transportation plans.

Staff recommended that the Commission approve the 2006-07 Program of Projects, as presented to the Commission, and that the Commission direct Commission staff to reconvene the Section 5310 Advisory Committee to discuss the new planning requirement and other changes needed within the program for the next cycle.

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At the September Commission meeting, staff presented the Draft Prioritized Project List, which provided the public notice for the Program of Projects and the announcement of the State Level Conference, which was held September 13.

Four written appeals were presented to the State Review Committee at the Staff Level Conference. No verbal appeals were heard. Ms. Gilbertson reviewed the project score changes made as a result of the four written appeals.

Chair Bergeson opened the public hearing. There were no comments.

Commissioner Lindsey moved to close the hearing. Commissioner Zarian seconded the motion, which carried 9-0.

Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve the project list and reconvene the Section 5310 Advisory Committee for the next cycle, as recommended by staff. Commissioner Zarian seconded the motion, which carried 9-0.

- **Reconvene Section 5310 Advisory Committee.**

ACTION: Annette Gilbertson

CALTRANS REPORTS (#7-8)

- 7 • Report by Caltrans' Director and/or Deputy Director 1.7

Director Will Kempton informed the Commission that while the Department cannot advocate for the bonds, they are playing an active role educating the voters on the importance of improving transportation and protecting our investment. Out of sixteen major newspapers in the state, fifteen support Propositions 1A and 1B, with McClatchy being the only one recommending a "no votes."

On October 9, Director Kempton welcomed 2,200 transit professionals to the APTA Conference in San Jose. On October 10, two Modesto high school students won the "Slow for the Cone Zone" contest and qualified for a drawing for an automobile. Director Kempton said he was pleased to see Caltrans was added to their curriculum.

Director Kempton announced two recent staff changes: Robert Copp, Chief of Traffic Operations and Rick Guevel, Program Manager of the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP).

The 2007 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) were approved on October 2, 2006. Director Kempton thanked the 18 MPOs, Caltrans Programming staff, Sue Kiser and the FHWA staff, and Ray Sukys and the FTA staff for their effort in approving the document.

The First Quarterly Delivery Reports will be discussed at an upcoming meeting. There are 80 projects planned for delivery in the First Quarter. All of the projects have been delivered with a contract value of \$414 million. Overall, 34% of the projects have been delivered for this fiscal year.

Director Kempton is in the process of meeting with each of the Deputy Directors to sign contracts for performance and innovation measures and will present a report at a future meeting.

As part of the Governor's Strategic Growth Plan, the Department's GoCalifornia Industry Capacity Expansion effort was established to enable the construction industry to better meet the State's future transportation program. The Department recently hosted a workshop where progress on expansion efforts was highlighted, especially the areas of materials and labor.

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8 WITH-DRAWN	• Overview of SHOPP	4.5
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TRANSPORTATION BOND RELATED (#9)

9	• Draft Corridor Mobility Investment Account Guidelines	4.2
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Executive Director John Barna gave an introduction and reviewed the outcomes from the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) workgroups. The guidelines have been drafted, and they raise the bar on systems management with a focus on benefits that the public can understand. Major emphasis is on project delivery by 2012, and projects that will succeed. If the bond measure passes in November, these guidelines need to be adopted by December 1, 2006.

Chief Deputy Director David Brewer gave a report on the Draft CMIA Program Guidelines. The draft was distributed as a pink at the meeting and was posted on the Commission’s website. Copies were also sent to the Commissioners and to the regional agencies by e-mail on September 29.

Mr. Brewer presented highlights and reviewed significant issues addressed in each of the sections of the Draft Guidelines. The intent is to prepare the guidelines as a general guidance, placing no limits on what the regions can propose or what the Commission can approve, except for what the Bond Act requires.

Executive Director Barna thanked Mr. Brewer, Deputy Director Mitch Weiss and Assistant Deputy Director Annette Gilbertson for their hard work. Mr. Barna emphasized that this is a draft and invited any comments from the Commissioners, members of the transportation community, and the audience be forwarded to him in writing. Chair Bergeson thanked Commission staff for working so hard.

Commissioner Chalker expressed concerns with the Legislature’s requirement to have projects start by 2012, adding the he wants the guidelines to allow the Commission to be aggressive.

Commissioner Chalker requested that the urban corridors and interregional corridors be considered separate and asked what factors were going to be used to prioritize these projects. Chief Deputy Director David Brewer responded that the draft guidelines call for separate evaluations using the same factors.

Commissioner Chalker asked for a clarification under Section 5 that projects supported by both Caltrans and a regional agency could be programmed without a full funding commitment to construction. Mr. Brewer responded that this is permitted under the Bond Act, and that we would want to maintain flexibility, even though our intent would be to see full funding. Mr. Barna noted that this is not a requirement, but an expression of intent. Commissioner Chalker stated he was concerned that this may cause a delay in bringing projects forward.

Commissioner Chalker questioned under Section 7, the prohibition on replacing funds for projects already in the STIP. He also questioned under Section 10, the word “shall” be included in the regional transportation plan. Mr. Brewer responded that the Bond Act states that all nominated projects shall be included in a regional transportation plan.

Commissioner Ghielmetti noted that Section 7 sends a signal that the Commission is not flexible. Chair Bergeson stated that some of the language is causing problems and needs clarification; the goal is to promote opportunity, not limit opportunity.

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Chair Bergeson asked for comments from the members of the audience. The following people appeared before the Commission to comment on the draft guidelines:

- Andrew Chesley, Executive Director, San Joaquin COG
- Craig Scott, Transportation Program Manager for SANDAG
- Peter DeHaan, Ventura County Transportation Commission
- Art Leahy, Chief Executive Officer, Orange County Transportation Authority
- Alix Bockelman, Metropolitan Transportation Commission
- Bob McCleary, Contra Costa Transportation Authority
- Suzanne Smith, Self-Help Counties - Deferred comments. A letter will be submitted to the Commission.
- Anne Mayer, Riverside County Transportation Commission
- Lisa Rheinheimer, RTPA Representative
- Kathy Mathews, Rural County Representative

Director Kempton thanked the Commission and staff for drafting the guidelines. He stressed the need to recognize the regional transportation agencies. The Department plans to provide the necessary support for implementing the program and identify partnership opportunities. Director Kempton was pleased to see the focus on performance measures, adding that the bond proposal is to make up for years of underfunding.

Chair Bergeson thanked everyone for their suggestions and concerns. The Commission intends to reward “good behavior.” The goal is to have guidelines that are equitable. Chair Bergeson emphasized that if the bonds pass, the Commission will make a strong commitment to make the guidelines flexible.

Executive Director Barna and Chair Bergeson urged the public to submit their comments, in writing, to staff no later than the following week, so that a new draft can be prepared for the Executive Committee to review. A telephone conference will be held in Sacramento with the stakeholders.

ADJOURN

The meeting of the California Transportation Commission adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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Thursday, October 12, 2006

9:00 a.m. Commission Meeting

The Wells Fargo Center for the Arts
 Carston Cabaret Room
 50 Mark West Springs Road
 Santa Rosa, California

GENERAL BUSINESS/LEGISLATION (#10-11)

- Roll Call 1.1

The meeting of the California Transportation Commission was called to order by Chair Bergeson at 9:05 a.m. on October 12, 2006, at The Wells Fargo Center for the Arts, Carston Cabaret Room, 50 Mark West Springs Road, Santa Rosa, California.

Roll call was conducted. The Commissioners in attendance were as follows:

- Members Present: Marian Bergeson, Chair
 Bob Alvarado
 John Chalker
 James Ghielmetti, Vice Chair
 R. Kirk Lindsey
 Joe Tavaglione
 Esteban Torres
 Larry Zarian
- Members Absent: Jeremiah Hallisey
 Senator Alan S. Lowenthal, Ex-Officio
 Assemblymember Jenny Oropeza, Ex-Officio

- 10 • Commission Reports 1.4

Chair Bergeson asked for the Commission reports. There were no Commission reports.

- 11 • Executive Director's Report 1.3

Executive Director John Barna reviewed the changes to the agenda, as referenced on the pink "Changes to CTC Agenda," and noted that Deputy Director Robert Chung will review the Consent Calendar changes (Items #23-#44) when that item is presented. Tab #8, Item 4.5, "Overview of the SHOPP," was withdrawn and will be held over to the November meeting.

All interested parties were invited to attend a Goods Movement Listening Session scheduled for Wednesday, October 18 at 9:30 a.m. in Los Angeles. The purpose of the listening session is to seek input from transportation and logistics stakeholders about how the Commission might proceed to implement the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) included in Proposition 1B, on the November ballot.

Work continues on finalizing the schedule for the other regional Goods Movement Listening Sessions. Meetings are currently scheduled in Riverside County on the 26th at 10:00 a.m., and a meeting is scheduled at SANDAG to discuss border issues on November 1. Mr. Barna welcomed all the Commissioners to attend.

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Mr. Barna announced that "The 2006 STIP Augmentation Draft Fund Estimate" will be presented at the November 8-9 Commission meeting.

Mr. Barna reported on his recent participation at the California Transportation Commission Logistics Institute meeting held at the California Community College on October 2.

Mr. Barna concluded his report by thanking Sonoma County Transportation Authority for their hospitality.

- **Schedule Goods Movement Listening Sessions for near future.**

ACTION: John Barna

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| 12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State and Federal Legislative Matters | 4.1 |
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*The Commission may consider bills or resolutions newly introduced, recently amended, or calendared for Legislative committee or floor action, subsequent to publication of this agenda. For further information, call Executive Director John Barna at (916) 654-4245.

Deputy Director Robert Chung reported that Assemblymember Pedro Nava was appointed by the Speaker to be the Chair of the Assembly Transportation Commission, replacing Assemblymember Jenny Oropeza, and Assemblymember Bob Huff is the new Vice-Chair.

Chair Bergeson, as authorized by the Commission, was listed as one of the signatories arguing in favor of Proposition 1A and 1B.

The last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills was September 30, 2006. Mr. Chung presented a status report on the legislative bills the Commission has been closely monitoring. The following bills were vetoed: SB 1703 (Lowenthal), SB 927 (Lowenthal), AB 1020 (Hancock), and AB 2295 (Arambula). The following bills were signed by the Governor: SB 710 (Torlakson), SB 1210 (Torlakson), SB 1282 (Ducheny), SB 1650 (Kehoe), and AB 2538 (Wolk).

Mr. Chung recommended the Commission take the following action:

- **Discuss potential legislative issues for 2007 with Executive Committee and bring back to the full Commission at future meeting. (*Future Agenda Item*)**

ACTION: John Barna/Robert Chung

Commissioner Zarian moved to approve staff's recommendations. Commissioner Tavaglione seconded the motion, which carried 8-0. (Commissioner Hallisey was absent.)

9:15am BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION & HOUSING AGENCY REPORT (#13)

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| 13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report by Agency Secretary and/or Deputy Secretary | 1.6 |
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Jim Bourgart, BTH, speaking on behalf of Secretary McPeak, reported that Agency is willing to speak to anyone who is willing to listen about the importance of the infrastructure bonds.

Mr. Bourgart reported that funding is not the only concern with regard to industry expansion. Secretary McPeak is very worried about whether California has sufficient contractors, skilled construction work forces, designers,

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Ross Chittenden, Caltrans, responded that the remaining six bridges will be allocated funds within the next month and under construction soon thereafter.

Commissioner Lindsey asked what the "Major Damage Restoration Program" was under Item #17. Deputy Director Stephen Maller responded that this is a reserve fund in the SHOPP left unprogrammed to deal with major emergency damage restoration projects as they occur.

Commissioner Zarian questioned whether the Commission has a way of tracking the "Monthly Report on Status of Projects Previously Voted but Not Awarded," under Item #20. Deputy Director Stephen Maller responded that the timeframe for reporting has gone from twelve months to six months and the Commission will continue to get the six months report but the twelve months report was being discontinued.

- 17 IC • Informational Report on Seismic Retrofit (Proposition 192, Phase II) G-11 Allocations. One Project for \$44,879,000. 2.5f.(2)

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

- 18 IC • Informational Report on SHOPP Safety G-03-10 Allocations. Two Projects totaling \$2,400,000. 2.5f.(3)

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

- 19 IC • Informational Report on Minor G-05-05 Allocations. 16 Projects totaling \$9,599,000. 2.5f.(4)

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

- 20 IC • Monthly Report on Status of Projects Previously Voted but Not Awarded 3.1

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

- 21 IC • Monthly Report on Local Assistance STIP Projects Previously Voted but not Awarded 3.2

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

- 22 IC • Monthly Report on Projects Amended into the SHOPP by Department Action 3.4

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

END OF INFORMATION CALENDAR

CONSENT CALENDAR (#23-44)

CC

Deputy Director Robert Chung recommended approving the Consent Calendar, Items #23 through #44, with changes, as noted on the pink – "Changes to CTC Agenda" for Items #30, #34, #36, and #38. Items #23 and #43 were withdrawn at the Commission meeting, and Item #30 (2.4b) is a Resolution of Necessity that requires six affirmative votes. See Item #35 for further discussion and action.

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Commissioner Ghielmetti moved to approve the Consent Calendar, as modified and recommended by staff. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion, which carried 8-0. (Commissioner Hallisey was absent.)

- 23 CC • ~~The Department requests a TCRP Application Amendment to redistribute a net total of \$61,000,000 in TCRP funds from PS&E and Construction to R/W for Project #42.1 – Route 5; widen Santa Ana Freeway to ten lanes in Los Angeles County, from Orange County line to Route 605. This amendment will also update the project schedule and funding plan. (Related item under 2.6e.(1).)~~ 2.1c.(1)
 Resolution TAA-06-57, Amending Resolution TA-01-09

This item was withdrawn at the Commission meeting.

- 24 CC • The City of San Buenaventura requests a TCRP Application Amendment to program a net total of \$106,000 in new TCRP funds for PA&ED for Project #47 – Route 101; California Street off-ramp in Ventura County. This amendment will also designate the City of San Buenaventura as the Implementing Agency and update the project schedule and funding plan. (Related item under 2.6e.(2).) 2.1c.(2)
 Resolution TAA-06-58, Amending Resolution TA-01-06

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 25 CC • The Department requests a TCRP Application Amendment to program \$4,920,000 in new TCRP funds for R/W for Project #113 – Route 46; Widen to four lanes from Route 5 to San Luis Obispo County line in Kern County. This amendment will also update the project schedule and funding plan. (Related items under 2.2c.(2) and 2.6e.(2).) 2.1c.(3)
 Resolution TAA-06-59, Amending Resolution TA-01-07

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 26 CC • Proposition 116 Rail Project Approval Amendment for the Palo Alto Station ADA pedestrian undercrossing and platform improvements in Santa Clara County. PUC Sections 99636(a), 99636(b) and 99636(c). (Concurrent allocation under 2.6b.) 2.1e.
 Resolution PA-06-06, Amending Resolution PA-05-08

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 27 CC • Environmental Matters – Approval of Projects for Future Consideration of Funding: Route 46 in San Luis Obispo and Kern Counties – Roadway improvements near Lost Hills (ND) (TCRP #113). (Related item under 2.1c.(3).) 2.2c.(2)
 Resolution E-06-30

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

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- 28 CC** • Five Relinquishment Resolutions 2.3c.
- 1-Men-101-PM 6.0/6.2 (KP 9.65/9.98)
Route 101 in the County of Mendocino
Resolution R-3645
 - 6-Kin-43-PM 21.5
Route 43 in City of Hanford
Resolution R-3646
 - 8-Riv-111-PM 34.2/38.0
Route 111 in the City of Indian Wells
(Related item under 2.5a.)
Resolution R-3647
 - 11-SD-125-PM 18.5/19.0
Route 125 in the City of La Mesa
Resolution R-3648
 - 12-Ora-5-PM 28.5/30.1
Route 5 in the City of Tustin
Resolution R-3649

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 29 CC** • One Vacation Resolution 2.3d.
- 3-Nev-80-PM 18.8/20.2
Route 80 in the Town of Truckee
Resolution A-862

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 30 CC** • ~~38~~ **35** Resolutions of Necessity 2.4b.
6 AYES Resolutions C-19474 through ~~C-19511~~ **C-19500 and C-19502 through C-19506 and C-19508 through C-19510** ~~C-19511~~

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar, as modified. Resolutions C-19501, C-19507, and C-19511 were withdrawn from the agenda prior to the Commission meeting, as noted on the pink – “Changes to CTC Agenda.”

- 31 CC** • Director’s Deeds 2.4d.(1)
- Items #1 through #10
Excess Lands – Return to State: \$8,180,500
Return to Others: \$0

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 32 CC** • Financial Allocation for Two District Minor Projects 2.5a.
totaling \$1,050,000.
Resolution FP-06-25

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

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- 33 CC • Financial Allocation for Five SHOPP Projects totaling \$68,953,000. Resolution FP-06-26 2.5b.(1)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 34 CC • Financial Allocation for ~~Eight~~ **Seven** SHOPP Projects totaling ~~\$6,272,000~~ **\$5,922,000** amended into the SHOPP by Departmental action. Resolution FP-06-27 2.5b.(2)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar, as modified. Project #1 was withdrawn from the agenda, as noted on the pink – “Changes to CTC Agenda.”

- 35 CC • Financial Allocation for Nine SHOPP Mobility – Go *California* Projects totaling \$29,453,000. Resolution FP-06-28 2.5b.(4)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

Commissioner Lindsey questioned new verbiage in the book item referencing SHOPP Mobility and GoCalifornia projects. Ross Chittenden, Caltrans, responded and, after a brief discussion, the following action was taken:

- **Provide an update at the December Commission meeting on Short Term Mobility Projects in conjunction with the SHOPP presentation. (December Agenda Item)**

ACTION: Ross Chittenden

- 36 CC • Financial Allocation for ~~Three~~ **Two** State-Administered STIP Projects on the State Highway System totaling ~~\$56,932,000~~ **\$56,274,000**. Resolution FP-06-29 2.5c.(1)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar, as modified. Project #1 was withdrawn from the agenda and corrections to the Agenda Vote List and to the book item attachment were noted on the pink – “Changes to CTC Agenda.”

- 37 CC • Financial Allocation for Two Locally-Administered STIP Transportation Enhancement Projects totaling \$4,130,000, plus \$610,000 from other sources. Resolution FP-06-31 2.5c.(5)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 38 CC • Financial Allocation for Seven Locally-Administered STIP Planning, Programming and Monitoring Projects totaling \$888,000. Resolution FP-06-32 2.5c.(6)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar, as modified. Corrections to the Agenda Vote List and to the Book Item Attachment were noted on the pink – “Changes to CTC Agenda.”

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- 39 CC • Financial Allocation Adjustment for One STIP Project on Route 99 in Sutter County. Resolution FA-06-09 2.5c.(7)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 40 CC • Financial Allocation for Five Locally-Administered Rail/Transit STIP Projects totaling \$27,137,000. Resolution MFP-06-08 2.6a.(1)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 41 CC • Financial Allocation for Two State-Administered Rail STIP Projects totaling \$3,589,000. Resolution MFP-06-09 2.6a.(2)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar, as modified. There were minor vote box corrections for Projects #1 and #2.

- 42 CC • Financial Allocation for One Locally-Administered Proposition 116 Rail Project for \$500,000. Resolution BFP-06-01 2.6b.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- ~~43 CC • Financial Re-Allocation of \$4,497,000 in Lapsing TCRP Funds for One Project. Resolution TFP-06-22 2.6e.(1)~~

This item was withdrawn.

- 44 CC • Financial Allocation to Reimburse \$3,000,000 in TCRP Funds for One Previously Approved AB 1335 Letter of No Prejudice. Resolution TFP-06-24 2.6e.(3)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

9:45am MODAL ISSUES – Highways (#45)

- 45 • Vision for Safety Roadside Rests 5.2

Jim Bourgart, BTH, reviewed the history of California’s current rest area system and current functional needs, adding that maintaining California’s rest area is a very high priority issue for Secretary McPeak. Mr. Bourgart introduced Keith Robinson, Caltrans Principal Landscape Architect and Caroline Beteta, Executive Director of the California Travel and Tourism Commission. Ms. Beteta and Mr. Robinson gave a joint PowerPoint presentation, entitled “Safety Roadside Rest Area Vision.” Examples of what Canada and other States are doing with their rest areas were also given. Both the Agency and the Department plan to work aggressively on getting some of the federal restrictions for rest area public private partnerships waived, as well as developing local and regional task forces to come up with partnerships so that rest area service improvements do not rely solely on state funds.

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Keith Robinson, Caltrans, reviewed California’s vision for the rest area system and displayed pictures of the successful partnerships they have had with the “Collier Interpretive Information Center” in Siskiyou County, and the “Valley Wells Safety Roadside Rest Area” on Interstate 15 in San Bernardino County. Caltrans is currently working on a business model for joint development of new rest areas. Commissioner Tavaglione asked if he had any figures on the current construction costs. Mr. Robinson answered that a value analysis was done on ten recently designed projects. The value analysis studies have indicated that there are some potential cost savings through design changes, but that the projects are inherently expensive. This was mainly due to durability needs. Efforts are currently underway to implement new design techniques to reduce costs. There are also problems with project timing during holiday periods and shortage of construction labor and materials, especially in remote areas.

Caroline Beteta, California Travel and Tourism Commission, explained that California is the number one tourist destination in the United States. Ms. Beteta talked about the “Invitation to California,” which gives a message of what the State says about tourism; she then showed pictures of deteriorated rest areas illustrating “What We Deliver.” Pictures were also shown of our rest areas in other states. Ms. Beteta said it is imperative that private and public partnerships get together and asked for the Commission’s consideration on the infrastructure needs and federal restrictions to change the laws. A media ad promoting California tourism was shown at the meeting. This ad will be publicly broadcast in March 2007 and is expected to reach approximately 37 million households.

Commissioner Lindsey said he struggles with the current historical design, noting that trucks and cars just don’t mix. He also expressed concern with the idea that we are just patching and not redesigning the rest areas. Mr. Robinson responded that they cannot privatize rest areas until the laws change, but that they are actively looking at joint development and creating a new business model. Many East Coast rest areas that include private facilities were built before the Federal Highway System (FHS) was in place so they are grandfathered in and do not have partnership restrictions. Unfortunately, California’s rest areas were built after the FHS was established.

Commissioner Ghielmetti expressed concerns over the limited funds in the SHOPP, adding that we need to think outside the box to improve the rest areas and work on trying to change the law to allow for more partnerships.

Ross Chittenden, Caltrans, agreed that we need to look at all types of funds and work with these partnerships to see what possibilities exist, such as Environmental, Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) funding. Mr. Robinson added that Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) and EEM funding would be used on the vision’s Phase II items and that outside funding may also be available for truck parking.

Chair Bergeson thanked everyone for their presentations, adding that she and the Commission recognize the importance of rest areas stops as a safety feature and as an economic factor to California, and that short-term and long-term funding needs are big considerations.

- **Caltrans and CTC to work together with California Travel and Tourism Commission on promoting changes to federal restrictions for Roadside Rest Areas.**

ACTION: Will Kempton/John Barna

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10:15am **PROGRAM AND POLICY MATTERS (#46-51)**

- 46 • Monthly Status of Construction Contract Award for State Highway Projects, per FY 2005-06 Allocation Plan Criteria 3.3a.

Deputy Director Maura Twomey reviewed information Items #46, #47, and #48, and recommended the Commission accept these reports, as presented.

Under Item #46, a replacement page for Page 2 was distributed at the meeting, as noted on the pink – “Changes to CTC Agenda.”

Due to Commission concerns, the following action was taken under Items #46 and #48.

- **Provide local jurisdictions with additional assistance on awarding projects to avoid lapsing funds.**

ACTION: Terry Abbott

- 47 • Status of Construction Contract Award for Traffic Congestion Relief Program Projects, per FY 2005-06 Allocation Plan Criteria 3.3c.

This Item was heard under Item #46.

- 48 • Monthly Status of Construction Contract Award for Local Assistance STIP Projects, per FY 2005-06 Allocation Plan Criteria 3.3b.

This Item was heard under Item #46.

- **Provide local jurisdictions with additional assistance on awarding projects to avoid lapsing funds.**

ACTION: Terry Abbott

- 49 • Report on Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee Activity 3.5

Deputy Director Stephen Maller presented the Toll Bridge Seismic Retrofit Program Report. He had traveled to Corpus Christi, Texas last month to check on the progress being made on the construction of the self-anchored suspension (SAS) tower’s footing box.

The bridge management team is currently examining the issue of the submarine cable from Oakland to Treasure Island, which needs to be moved before the Oakland bridge touchdown can be built. There was only one bidder and the bid came in two times higher than expected. Options of rejecting the bid and getting new specs are being considered. Executive Director John Barna reported that American Bridge and China’s subcontractor may be able to shave one year or more off the current schedule and that the Oakland touchdown is a key element of advancing the schedule. Mr. Barna added that this is all very complex and gave kudos to the Department for their early actions. Director Kempton responded that the Department, MTC, and BATA are all aggressively looking into what can be done with the submarine cable issue. The bids came in at \$14 million and only \$9 million was budgeted. Mr. Maller added that we are mandated to replace the power cable and there are time restrictions. The Department is aggressively working on the tie-in structures at Yerba Buena Island.

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Executive Director John Barna asked what was being proposed on the first segment from Novato to Windsor. Mr. Stogner introduced John Williams, NWP President, who was recently contracted to operate the railroad. Mr. Williams explained why they want to open the Novato to Windsor line. They also want to compete for Sonoma County’s solid waste disposal.

Commissioner Lindsey agreed that rail is a viable alternative to trucks but didn’t think that it will have a huge impact.

Chair Bergeson thanked everyone for their hospitality, adding that this is a very challenging project and wished them well.

Mr. Chung noted that the Commission is to only give guidance on this item and that no action was needed.

11:05 Right of Way (#53)

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| 53 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director’s Deeds 2.4d.(2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Item #1 Excess Lands – Return to State: \$5,000,000 Return to Others: \$0 |
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Deputy Director Robert Chung reported that last month the Commission approved the conceptual agreement between Caltrans and the City of Newport Beach (City) for \$5 million. The Commission asked that the scenic easement location be delineated on the site when the agreement was brought back for consideration. Bimla Rhinehart, Caltrans, reported that the Department has worked very closely with the City, and an agreement was approved on September 26, 2006, by the City Council that includes the use of the property for active park purposes. The City also agreed to the scenic easement and the delineation of the easement’s location.

Mr. Chung recommended that the Commission approve the Director’s Deed based upon the agreement reached by Caltrans and the City.

Commissioner Ghielmetti moved to approve staff’s recommendations to approve the Director’s Deed. Commissioner Chalker seconded the motion, which carried 7-0. (Commissioners Hallisey and Zarian were absent.)

Environmental Matters/Financial Allocations (#54-56)

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| 54 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Matters – Approval of Projects for 2.2c.(1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future Consideration of Funding: Route 140 in Merced County – Roadway improvements near Merced (EIR). Resolution E-06-29 |
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Deputy Director Robert Chung reported that the estimated total cost of the project is \$41.5 million with construction beginning in FY 2008-09. The project is only funded for Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) and Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E) for \$2.7 million.

Staff recommended that the Commission, as a responsible agency, approve the operational and safety improvements on State Route 140 in Merced County, east of Merced, for future consideration of funding.

Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve the resolution, as recommended by staff. Commissioner Chalker seconded the motion, which carried 7-0. (Commissioners Hallisey and Zarian were absent.)

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- 55 • Financial Allocation for Four TCRP Projects totaling 2.6e.(2)
 \$6,705,000 in new TCRP Funding.
 Resolution TFP-06-23

Assistant Deputy Director Annette Gilbertson reported that under Item #55, Project #4, North Coast Railroad Authority (NCRA), is requesting an allocation to upgrade their rail line to class 2 or 3 standards and includes a request for a cash advance in the amount of \$675,000.

Staff recommended that the Commission approve the allocation requests, but that a progress payment process be used versus an advancement of funds; and to add the stipulation that these allocations be under contract within six months.

Commissioner Ghielmetti moved to approve the allocation requests with the added stipulations, as recommended by staff. Commissioner Chalker seconded the motion, which carried 7-0. (Commissioners Hallisey and Zarian were absent.)

- 56 • Financial Allocation for Two Locally-Administered STIP 2.5c.(3)
 Projects off the State Highway System totaling
 \$1,064,000, plus \$7,723,000 from other sources.
 Resolution FP-06-30

Deputy Director Maura Twomey reviewed the extraordinary circumstances for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) supplemental allocation request of \$64,000 for the Tehama Avenue Bridge Project in the City of Tehama and recommended approval. Ms. Twomey also recommended approval of the STIP allocation request of \$1,000,000. Ms. Twomey stated that the Commission typically does not approve these allocation requests, but asked the Commission to make an exception to its normal practice and vote for an approval.

Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve staff's recommendations. Commissioner Tavaglione seconded the motion, which carried 7-0. (Commissioners Hallisey and Zarian were absent.)

Financial Allocations for Projects that Exceed 20 Percent of the Programmed Amount (#57)

- 57 • Financial Allocation for SHOPP Projects that exceed 2.5d.
 120 Percent of the Programmed Amount. Three projects
 totaling \$64,111,000.
 Resolution FP-06-33
 - 04-CC-24 – SHOPP project in Contra Costa County. Current programmed amount of \$44,625,000 and current estimate of \$57,304,000, for an increase of 28% over the programmed amount.
 - 04-Mrn-101 – SHOPP project in Marin County. Current programmed amount of \$3,974,000 and current estimate of \$5,441,000, for an increase of 37% over the programmed amount.
 - 07-LA-66 – SHOPP project in Los Angeles County. Current programmed amount of \$1,117,000 and current estimate of \$1,366,000, for an increase of 22% over the programmed amount.

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Deputy Director Maura Twomey reviewed this item and recommended the Commission approve the Department's allocation request of \$64,111,000, for three State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) projects that exceed the programmed amount by more than 20 percent.

Commissioner Lindsey stated he thought we were finished with the old cost overruns at the last meeting and asked if this is a new trend.

Ross Chittenden, Caltrans, responded that there are a limited number of projects that fell in that estimate prior to the SHOPP, and that all of the District Directors have been asked to look into this issue. There has been a 22 Percent increase in construction costs. They are looking at projects below that number, and this was the first opportunity to sign these estimates.

Commissioner Torres moved to approve staff's recommendations. Commissioner Alvarado seconded the motion, which carried 7-0. (Commissioners Hallisey and Zarian were absent.)

Due to concerns expressed by Commissioner Ghielmetti, the following action was taken:

- **Brief Commissioner Ghielmetti on benefits and use of rubberized asphalt in highway construction/rehabilitation projects.**

ACTION: Ross Chittenden

- **At the November Commission meeting, bring back projects with updated estimates as part of the reprogramming of the SHOPP. (November Agenda Item)**

ACTION: Ross Chittenden

Financial Allocations for Supplemental Funds (#58-60)

- 58 • Financial Allocation for Supplemental Funds for Previously Voted Projects. One STIP project and one SHOPP project totaling \$895,000 to Settle Construction Claims and Close Out Contract. Resolution FA-06-06 2.5e.(1)

-- 07-LA-5, 126 – STIP project in Los Angeles County. Current allocation is \$10,505,000. This request for \$840,000 to settle construction claims and close out contract results in an increase of 8% over the current allocation.

-- 10-SJ-5 – SHOPP project in San Joaquin County. Current allocation is \$15,640,000. This request for \$55,000 to pay arbitration award and close out contract results in an increase of 0.4% over the current allocation.

Deputy Director Maura Twomey reviewed this item and recommended the Commission approve the Department's allocation request for an additional \$895,000.

Ross Chittenden, Caltrans, stated that this is the final settlement on this very sensitive, precedent-setting issue.

Commissioner Tavaglione moved to approve staff's recommendations. Commissioner Ghielmetti seconded the motion, which carried 7-0. (Commissioners Hallisey and Zarian were absent.)

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 - Financial Allocation for Supplemental Funds for Previously Voted Projects. One STIP project and one SHOPP project totaling \$626,000 to Complete Construction. Resolution FA-06-07 2.5e.(2)
 - 07-LA-5 – STIP project in Los Angeles County. Current allocation is \$2,962,000. This request for \$276,000 to pay a Superior Court Award results in an increase of 9% over the current allocation.
 - 12-Ora-73 – SHOPP project in Orange County. Current allocation is \$1,665,500. This request for \$350,000 to complete construction results in an increase of 21% over the current allocation.

Deputy Director Maura Twomey reviewed this item and recommended the Commission approve the Department's allocation request for an additional \$626,000.

Commissioner Torres moved to approve staff's recommendations. Commissioner Chalker seconded the motion, which carried 7-0. (Commissioners Hallisey and Zarian were absent.)

- **In future quarterly delivery reports, breakout all arbitration projects older than 180 days.**

ACTION: Ross Chittenden

- 60
 - Financial Allocation for Supplemental Funds for Previously Voted Projects. One SHOPP project for \$3,380,000 to Award Construction Contract. Resolution FA-06-08 2.5e.(3)
 - 11-SD-78 – SHOPP project in San Diego County. Current allocation is \$8,850,000. This request for \$3,380,000 to award the construction contract results in an increase of 38% over the current allocation.

Deputy Director Maura Twomey reviewed this item and recommended the Commission approve the Department's allocation request for an additional \$3,380,000.

Commissioner Lindsey questioned why there was a 38% differential, adding that he was not comfortable with approving this allocation.

Ross Chittenden, Caltrans, responded that the assumption was made that the construction could be completed in one season, but due to environmental constraints, they now need two seasons to complete the work. Ross Chittenden, Caltrans, informed that if this project was rebid, the bids would all be very similar.

Commissioner Tavaglione stated he could not understand why the contractor did not anticipate these problems when the bid was prepared.

Pedro Orso-Delgado, Caltrans District 11 Director, reviewed the alternate solutions that were considered, such as closing down Route 78 and using alternate routes, or doing the work on weekends; but the conclusion was made that these were not viable solutions. The major difference in the price is because the contractor has to take all of its equipment away and bring it back again.

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Mr. Delgado concluded by stating that Caltrans admits that it has made the wrong assumptions on this project, and, in the future, the district plans to work more closely with contractors beforehand on projects that have tight work windows.

Commissioners Alvarado stated that this was an embarrassment to the Department, but that he would reluctantly vote for the project.

Commissioner Alvarado moved to approve staff's recommendations. Commissioner Chalker seconded the motion, which carried 6-1. (Commissioner Lindsey voted no; and Commissioners Hallisey and Zarian were absent.)

Time Extension Requests (#61-63)

- 61 • Request to Extend the Period of Contract Award for 2.8b.(1)
Two Locally-Administered STIP projects totaling
\$1,130,000, per FY 2005-06 Allocation Plan Criteria.
Waiver-06-37

Deputy Director Maura Twomey reviewed this item and recommended the Commission approve the Department's six month extension requests for the projects in Lake County and the City of Calabasas in Los Angeles.

Commissioner Ghielmetti moved to approve the six month extensions, as recommended by staff. Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion, which carried 7-0. (Commissioners Hallisey and Zarian were absent.)

- 62 • Request to Extend the Period of Contract Award for 2.8b.(2)
One Locally Administered On-System STIP project for
\$358,000, per FY 2005-06 Allocation Plan Criteria.
Waiver-06-38

Deputy Director Maura Twomey reviewed this item and recommended the Commission approve the Department's request to extend the period of contract award four months to February 2007 for the Route 70 and Montgomery Street Interchange Landscaping Project in Butte County.

Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve the four-month extension, as recommended by staff. Commissioner Chalker seconded the motion, which carried 7-0. (Commissioners Hallisey and Zarian were absent.)

- 63 • Request to Extend the Period of Project Completion 2.8c.
for the City of Sunnyvale for \$18,000.
Waiver-06-39

Deputy Director Maura Twomey reviewed this item and recommended the Commission approve the Department's request to extend the period of contract award for a 13-month post fact extension request for the City of Sunnyvale Wolfe Road Traffic Signal Interconnect Project.

Commissioner Lindsey expressed his strong disapproval of approving this project.

Commissioner Torres moved to approve staff's recommendations. Commissioner Chalker seconded the motion, which carried 4-3. (Commissioners Ghielmetti, Lindsey, and Alvarado voted no; and Commissioners Zarian and Hallisey were absent.)

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PROGRAM STATUS (#64)

- 64 *******ADDED BY ADDENDUM*******
- Adopt Revised Schedule of State Contributions for Toll Bridge Seismic Retrofit and Replacement Projects Resolution G-06-16, Replacing Resolutions G-05-10 and G-05-13 3.6

Deputy Director Stephen Maller reviewed the revised schedule and recommended the Commission adopt the schedule for the Toll Bridge Seismic Retrofit and Replacement Projects.

Commissioner Lindsey moved to adopt the revised schedule, as recommended by staff. Commissioner Chalker seconded the motion, which carried 8-0. (Commissioners Hallisey was absent.)

OTHER MATTERS / PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no other matters or public comments.

ADJOURN

The meeting of the California Transportation Commission adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

JOHN F. BARNA, Jr., Executive Director

ACTION ITEMS
from
October 11-12, 2006 Meeting

- 6 (4.4) Annette Gilbertson – Reconvene Section 5310 Advisory Committee.
- **This will be done.**
- 11 (1.3) John Barna – Schedule Goods Movement Listening Sessions for near future.
- **This has been done.**
- 12 (4.1) John Barna/Robert Chung – Discuss potential legislative issues for 2007 with Executive Committee and bring back to the full Commission at future meeting. (*Future Agenda Item*)
- **This will be done and reported on at a future Commission meeting.**
- 13 (1.6) John Barna – Provide to Commissioners talking points regarding the Transportation Bond Measures (Proposition 1A and 1B).
- **This has been done.**
- 15 (1.9) Brian McDermott/Robert Chung – Secure from Rural Counties a list of Congressional Members and Senators who should consider being co-sponsors of re-authorizing the “Secure Rural Schools & Communities Self Determination Act of 2000”.
- **This will be done.**
- 35 (2.5b(4)) Ross Chittenden – Provide an update at the December Commission meeting on Short Term Mobility Projects in conjunction with the SHOPP presentation. (*December Agenda Item*)
- **This will be done and reported on at the December Commission meeting.**
- 45 (5.2) Will Kempton/John Barna – Caltrans and CTC to work together with California Travel and Tourism Commission on promoting changes to federal restrictions for Roadside Rest Areas.
- **This will be done.**
- 46&48 Terry Abbott – Provide local jurisdictions with additional assistance on awarding projects to avoid lapsing funds.
- **This will be done routinely.**

57 (2.5d) Ross Chittenden – Brief Commissioner Ghielmetti on benefits and use of rubberized asphalt in highway construction/rehabilitation projects.

. **This will be done.**

57 (2.5d) Ross Chittenden – At the November Commission meeting, bring back projects with updated estimates as part of the reprogramming of the SHOPP. (*November Agenda Item*)

. **This will be discussed under Tab 15, Agenda Item 4.6.**

59 (2.5e(2)) Ross Chittenden – In future quarterly delivery reports, breakout all arbitration projects older than 180 days.

. **This will be done.**

