

# MINUTES

## CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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**FEBRUARY 13 – 14, 2008**

**Burlingame, California**

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### Wednesday, February 13, 2008

1:00 p.m. Commission Meeting

Hyatt Regency  
Ballrooms A, B & C  
1333 Bayshore Highway  
Burlingame, California 94010

#### 1:00 GENERAL BUSINESS (#1 – 5)

1 Roll Call

James Ghielmetti I C

The meeting of the California Transportation Commission was called to order by Chair Ghielmetti at 1:00 p.m. on February 13, 2008, at the Hyatt Regency, Ballrooms A, B & C, 1333 Bayshore Highway, Burlingame, California.

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

COMMISSIONER ALVARADO	Absent (arrived at 1:05 p.m.)
COMMISSIONER BERGESON	
VICE CHAIR CHALKER	
COMMISSIONER EARP	Absent
COMMISSIONER FROMMER	
COMMISSIONER GUARDINO	
CHAIR GHIELMETTI	
COMMISSIONER LINDSEY	
COMMISSIONER TAGAMI	Absent (arrived at 1:05 p.m.)
COMMISSIONER TAVAGLIONE	
COMMISSIONER ZARIAN	Absent (arrived at 1:05 p.m.)

<b>TOTAL</b>	Present	<u>10</u>
	Absent	<u>1</u>

Assembly Member Pedro Nava, Ex-Officio	Not Present
Senator Alan S. Lowenthal, Ex-Officio	Not Present

2 Approval of Minutes for January 10, 2008

James Ghielmetti A C

Commissioner Tavaglione moved to approve the January 10, 2008 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Zarian seconded the motion, which carried 10-0. (Commissioner Earp was absent)

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3	Executive Director's Report	John Barna	A C
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John Barna, Executive Director, provided a brief report on a recent trip to China with the Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee.

Mr. Barna introduced Linda Bohlinger, California Transportation Foundation (CTF) Board Chair.

Ms. Bohlinger presented information on the Tranny Awards nomination process. The deadline to submit Tranny Award nominations is March 3, 2008.

Ms. Bohlinger stated that CTF is in the process of planning a CTC 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event to occur in the Fall of 2008. An endowment fund will be established for a CTC scholarship.

Chair Ghielmetti welcomed the new Commissioners recently appointed, Phillip H. Tagami and Dario Frommer.

4	Commission Reports	James Ghielmetti	A C
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No commission reports were presented.

5	Commissioners' Meetings for Compensation	James Ghielmetti	A C
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Commissioner Tavaglione moved to approve the Commissioners' Meetings for Compensation for January 2008 and amendment to previously approved compensation for December 2007. Commissioner Chalker seconded the motion, which carried 10-0. (Commissioner Earp was absent)

#### **BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION & HOUSING AGENCY REPORT (#6)**

6	Report by Agency Secretary and/or Deputy Secretary	Dale Bonner	I B
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BTH Deputy Undersecretary Jim Bourgart stated that BTH was looking forward to the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) hearings to be held the week of February 18, 2008 and looked forward to positive feedback.

Mr. Bourgart presented the following topics: California Foundation for the Economy and the Environment Conference; Japanese Rail Association Conference focusing on high speed rail and interest in investing; Siemens Corporation tour of California by journalists regarding transportation planning and financing; and Regional Blueprint Planning grant applications received from non-MPO areas.

Commission Lindsey asked if Private Public Partnerships (PPP) would be initiated. Mr. Bourgart responded that the TCIF contains PPPs, PPPs are a high priority for the Governor, and that California needs PPPs to assist in fully funding infrastructure projects. Mr. Lindsey indicated that the Commission would be happy to support BTH's efforts.

#### **CALTRANS REPORT (#7)**

7	Report by Caltrans' Director and/or Deputy Director	Will Kempton	I D
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Director Will Kempton welcomed the new Commission appointees.

Mr. Kempton thanked the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) that removed projects from the 2006 STIP now to be funded instead with Proposition 1B funds. Mr. Kempton stated that this action by Metro resulted in additional capacity in FY 2007-08 to fund STIP projects.

Mr. Kempton indicated that the Department has submitted a request to the Department of Finance (DOF) to advance \$300 million in Proposition 1B FY 2008-09 funds.

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Mr. Kempton reported on the severe winter storms. Major highways were closed such as the I-5 over the "Grapevine" which is uncommon. Mr. Kempton provided a brief report on his January 4, 2008 trip to Donner Summit to see snow fighters in action and stated that they were doing a marvelous job.

Mr. Kempton reported that the Department has begun work on Federal reauthorization and that funding for transportation will be a difficult issue. He indicated that the 1909 Commission has issued its recommendations.

Mr. Kempton said that the 10% across the board cut to state agencies will not impact the Department.

Mr. Kempton informed the Commission that California Highway Patrol Commissioner Mike Brown submitted his resignation and that the Governor appointed Joseph Farrow as CHP Commissioner effective March 1, 2008. Mr. Kempton commended Commissioner Brown for his great partnership with the Department.

Mr. Kempton announced the passing of Congressman Tom Lantos and recognized him on his involvement in transportation.

Commissioner Lindsey indicated that Oregon and Washington notify trucking companies of road closures via email and provide information on alternative routes, and asked if that could also be done in California. Mr. Kempton said that the general public is currently noticed, but there now would be notification to trucking companies.

Vice Chair Chalker asked if regional agencies would be brought into the reauthorization discussion to make sure everyone is on the same page. He said that there needs to be a better coordinated advocacy in California. Mr. Kempton indicated that stakeholders will be brought in that cover a broad range of the transportation community. A list will be developed with issues in which a "single voice" will be the result. Mr. Kempton indicated that significant issues include goods movement, intercity passenger rail, and preservation of the existing system.

Mr. Kempton and Mr. Bourgart said that they both attended the California Coastal Commission's (CCC) Route 241 toll road hearing. Commissioner Bergeson asked what the impact of the CCC's vote will be. Mr. Kempton stated that project delivery will be impacted.

Chair Ghielmetti asked if the Department is discussing toll roads and PPPs for Route 152 and Route 12. Mr. Kempton reported that this has not been talked about as they are not looking at changing existing roads.

**LOCAL REPORTS (#8 – 12)**

<b>8</b>	Report by Regional Agencies Moderator	Shirley Medina	<b>I</b>	<b>R</b>
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Shirley Medina, Regional Agencies Moderator, stated that the regional agencies support the Highway-Railroad Safety Crossing Account (HRSCA) guidelines. She also indicated that the regional agencies support the Intercity Rail Proposition 1B program being presented at the meeting.

Ms. Medina expressed the need to work with the CTC and Department on the development of baseline agreement amendments for Proposition 1B projects.

<b>9</b>	Report by Rural Counties Task Force Chair	Mike Woodman	<b>I</b>	<b>R</b>
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Mike Woodman, Rural Counties Task Force Chair, informed the Commission that \$794,000 for Blueprint Planning grants were submitted by non-MPO areas for the \$500,000 available which demonstrates the level of interest.

Mr. Woodman reported that a contractor has been selected for the statewide local streets and roads assessment. Work is expected to begin by the end of the month.

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10 Report by Self-Help Counties Coalition Moderator Suzanne Smith I R

Suzanne Smith, Self-Help Counties Coalition Moderator, provided a report on a two-day workshop that was held to examine the problems facing the State related to transportation funding as requested by the CTC. A handout was presented to the Commission on this item. Ms. Smith stated that there is a need to look at the big picture and not just the existing STIP funding issue.

Ms. Smith indicated that five major problems were identified: historic underinvestment; shift from user-fee based system to reliance on the General Fund; structural State deficit; treatment of transportation funding as “separate silos”; and current laws that present barriers on how projects are funded and the impacts on project delivery. Ms. Smith also provided an overview of the effects of these problems. Ms. Smith stated that the group developed possible answers for discussion with the CTC.

Vice Chair Chalker asked why transit funding and toll revenue were not included in pie chart provided in handout. David Yale, Metro, stated that the information was not available at the time the chart was developed. The information is now available and Mr. Yale indicated that the chart will be updated.

Commissioner Lindsey asked if the Commission should participate in the discussions. Ms. Smith said that the group would welcome the Commissions participation. Chair Ghielmetti suggested that the Executive Committee act as an ad hoc committee to work with the Self-Help counties.

11 Welcome to San Mateo County Deborah Gordon I R  
Rosanne Faust

Deborah Gordon, Chair City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County, welcomed the Commission to San Mateo and emphasized that transportation system management is the most cost effective and provides the most benefit.

Rosanne Faust, Chair San Mateo County Transportation Authority, provided a PowerPoint overview of transportation in San Mateo County.

12 Overview of Transportation in San Mateo County Richard Napier I R  
Ian McAvoy

Richard Napier, Executive Director City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County, and Ian McAvoy, Executive Director of San Mateo County Transportation Authority, presented a PowerPoint overview of transportation funding and projects in San Mateo County.

**POLICY MATTERS (#13)**

13 Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Fund – List of Project Nominations Andre Boutros I C

This item was heard after Tab 18.

Chief Delivery Officer Andre Boutros reviewed the status of the TCIF indicating that the list of projects was provided in the meeting book, hearings are scheduled throughout the state during the week of February 18, 2008, staff will issue their recommendations at the Commission’s March meeting, and initial program adoption will occur at the Commission’s April meeting.

Mr. Boutros indicated that the Commission should move forward with the program knowing that there will be some adjustments going forward as there is still \$500 million in funding that has not been solidified.

BTH Deputy Undersecretary Jim Bourgart asked what will be used in the project evaluation process. Mr. Boutros replied that the evaluation will include consistency with information presented, benefits of the project, air quality and public/private benefits to railroads. He indicated that the challenge will be where to make cuts as funding requested is more than what is available.

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Commissioner Lindsey requested a breakout of TCIF projects by category to include total dollar amounts per category and a brief description of each project. Mr. Boutros indicated that the information requested will be provided to the Commissioners.

Brian Brenhan, Council Member City of San Buenaventura, addressed the Commission and expressed his concern and disappointment that benefits are not quantified. He reminded the Commission that AB 32 requirements were just around the corner and the right thing needs to be done.

14	<b>Resolution of Necessity – Appearance</b> -- Carol Ann Scheiber, Trustee, etc., et al. 03-Pla-65-PM 14.42 <i>(Related item under 15)</i> Resolution C-19803	Stephen Maller Jody Jones	A    D
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Deputy Director Stephen Maller indicated that the property owner withdrew their request for appearance.

Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve the Resolution of Necessity. Commissioner Zarian seconded the motion, which carried 10-0. (Commissioner Earp was absent)

15	<b><u>Proposition 1B CMIA Project Allocations (#15)</u></b> Financial Allocation <i>(2.5g.(1b))</i> : One State-administered CMIA Project on the State Highway System for \$162,877,000, plus \$57,723,000 from other sources. <i>(Related item under 14)</i> Resolution CMIA-A-0708-008	Maura Twomey Rachel Falsetti	A    D
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Deputy Director Maura Twomey presented this item and recommended approval contingent on approval by DOF for the advanced appropriation of funds.

Commissioner Zarian moved to approve staff’s recommendation. Commission Tavaglione seconded the motion, which carried 10-0. (Commissioner Earp was absent)

Cecil McAdam, Executive Director Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA), addressed the Commission and thanked them for their approval of the allocation request and indicated that with the advancement of funds project construction will begin a year ahead of schedule.

Tom Cosgrove, Board Member (PCTPA), thanked the Commission and Department staff for their support of this project.

16	<b><u>POLICY MATTERS (#16 – 17)</u></b> FY 2008-09 Governor’s Budget for Transportation	Mitchell Weiss Norma Ortega	A    D
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John Barna, Executive Director, introduced Norma Ortega, Chief Caltrans Division of Budget.

Ms. Ortega provided a PowerPoint overview of the Governor’s proposed FY 2008-09 Budget for transportation.

Commissioner Lindsey asked what the basis for the assumption was in the decline of fuel revenue and asked that the dollar breakout for the Public Transportation Account (PTA) be provided. Ms. Ortega indicated that she would provide that information to the Commission.

Vice Chair Chalker asked what the Regional Center Transportation program is and the number of people served. Executive Director John Barna asked Deputy Director Juan Guzman to provide the information to the Commission.

Ms. Ortega stated that two bills have been introduced on State and Local Partnerships, and details on the bills will be provided to the Commission.

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17	Discussion on TCRP Funding	Juan Guzman Rachel Falsetti	I D/C
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Assistant Deputy Director Juan Guzman provided an overview of TCRP funding and indicated that \$13 million in capacity for FY 2007-08 is available, and that agencies anticipated \$540 million in allocations through the end of this fiscal year. Mr. Guzman informed the Commission that \$83 million will be made available for the TCRP beginning in FY 2008-09 through FY 2015-2016, and that the \$482 million from tribal gaming bonds over that same period of time for the repayment of loans is still not assured. Mr. Juan provided a handout on the status of the TCRP.

Commissioner Zarian asked where the \$9 million in savings can be used. Mr. Guzman informed the Commissioner that the funds can only be used by the agency named in the enabling legislation and that it would take legislative action to allow another agency to use the funds.

Rachel Falsetti, Chief Caltrans Division of Programming, indicated that they are working with regional agencies to identify a solution, however a solution has not yet been identified.

Commissioner Bergeson said that there should be an aggressive effort to bring this issue to the Legislature for resolution.

Commission Guardino said that it needs to be communicated to the Administration and Legislature the importance to uphold the faith of the voters in funding these projects.

Pete Hathaway, Executive Deputy Director, Sacramento Area Council of Governments, agreed with Commissioner Guardino. The state's commitment to these projects needs to be made solid enough by the Legislature to allow agencies to issue bond revenue notes to fund projects and to have assurance that the agencies will be repaid when funds are available.

Shirley Medina, Regional Agencies Moderator, addressed the Commission and emphasized the importance of paying back Letters of No Prejudice (LONP). She indicated that Riverside County Transportation Commission has an LONP due for allocation next month.

18	<b><u>PROGRAM STATUS (#18)</u></b> Monthly Report on Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee Activity	Stephen Maller Dina Noel	I C
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Supervising Transportation Engineer Dina Noel provided a briefing on staff's recent trip to China. Staff toured the facilities and fabrication shop. ZPNC is planning to start the production phase this week. Shipments are required to get material to the work site. Ms. Noel informed the Commission that the east bound ribbon cutting is scheduled for April 12, seven months ahead of schedule.

Deputy Director Stephen Maller told the Commission that the Jones Act issue has been resolved, and that it is now expected that project completion will be March 11, 2013 due to loss of production while working on this issue.

**INFORMATION CALENDAR (#19 – 23)** Stephen Maller

Deputy Director Stephen Maller presented the Information Calendar. The Information Calendar was accepted as presented.

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19 IC	Informational Reports on Allocations Under Delegated Authority -- Emergency G-11 Allocations (2.5f.(1)): Five Projects totaling \$4,400,000. -- Minor G-05-05 Allocations (2.5f.(4)): Five Projects totaling \$2,656,000		I D
This item was presented on the Information Calendar.			
20 IC	Monthly Report on Projects Amended into the SHOPP by Department Action		I D
This item was presented on the Information Calendar.			
21 IC	Monthly Status of Construction Contract Award for State Highway Projects, per Resolution G-06-08		I D
This item was presented on the Information Calendar.			
22 IC	Monthly Status of Construction Contract Award for Local Assistance STIP Projects, per FY 2005-06 Allocation Plan and Criteria and Resolution G-06-08		I D
This item was presented on the Information Calendar.			
23 IC	Monthly Status of Construction Contract Award for TCRP Projects, per Resolution G-06-08		I D/C
This item was presented on the Information Calendar.			
<b>CONSENT CALENDAR (#25 - 32 and #34 - 36)</b>		Robert Chung	
Deputy Director Robert Chung presented the Consent Calendar. He noted that Chief Deputy Director David Brewer requested that Tab 24 and Tab 33 be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion.			
Commissioner Zarian moved to approve the Consent Calendar as modified by staff. Commissioner Tavaglione seconded the motion, which carried 10-0. (Commissioner Earp was absent)			
24	STIP Amendment 06S-022/Resolution TAA-07-43, Amending Resolution TAA-07-03 The Department proposes to amend the STIP to designate Riverside County Transportation Commission as the Implementing Agency for Right of Way, and requests a TCRP Application Amendment to redistribute \$1,019,000 in TCRP funding from PA&ED to R/W, and update the project funding plan for Route 91; add HOV lanes through downtown Riverside, Adams Street to Route 60/215 junction (PPNO 0092A/TCRP #62). <i>(Related Item under 41)</i>		A D
This item was removed from the Consent Calendar and discussed after Tab 41.			
Chief Deputy Director David Brewer presented this item indicating that the amendment request would shift funding from Caltrans to the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), and that the project will also receive funding from the CMIA. Mr. Brewer recommended approval with the understanding that this project would come back to the Commission with a baseline agreement amendment.			

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Commissioner Lindsey expressed concern with the CMIA portion as the Commission is still holding stakeholders to the agreements. Chief Delivery Officer Andre Boutros said that the Commission needs to keep in mind that as projects go through the PSR phase changes may occur and this project is an example of this.

Anne Meyer, Executive Director RCTC, stated that while transitioning from environmental phase to design phase right of way issues were identified.

Commissioner Lindsey indicated his concern for those CMIA projects that lost out may not see it the same has how RCTC views the action.

Commissioner Bergeson moved to approve the amendment. Commissioner Alvarado seconded the motion, which carried 10-0. (Commissioner Earp was absent)

<b>25</b>	<b>CC</b>	One Route Adoption -- 1-Men-101-PM R44.9/49.0 Route 101 in the county of Mendocino <i>(Related item under 26)</i> Resolution HRA-08-01	<b>A</b>	<b>D</b>
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This item was approved on the Consent Calendar on February 13, 2008.

<b>26</b>	<b>CC</b>	One Route Redesignation -- 1-Men-20-PM R33.1/R35.9 Redesignation of Route 101 to Route 20 in the county of Mendocino <i>(Related item under 25)</i> Resolution HRR-08-01	<b>A</b>	<b>D</b>
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This item was approved on the Consent Calendar on February 13, 2008.

<b>27</b>	<b>CC</b>	Five Relinquishment Resolutions: -- 4-SCI-237-PM 8.0 Route 237 in the city of San Jose Resolution R-3681 -- 6-Fre-180-PM 62.70 Route 180 in the county of Fresno Resolution R-3682 -- 8-Riv-74-PM 92.34/96.01 Route 74 in the city of Palm Desert <i>(Related item under 30, Project #7.)</i> Resolution R-3684 -- 10-Tuo-108-PM R2.06/R2.11 Route 108 in the city of Sonora Resolution R-3685 -- 11-SD-52-PM 12.6/13.3 Route 52 in the city of San Diego Resolution R-3686	<b>A</b>	<b>D</b>
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This item was approved on the Consent Calendar on February 13, 2008.

<b>28</b>	<b>CC</b>	13 Resolutions of Necessity Resolutions C-19804 through C-19816	<b>A</b>	<b>D</b>
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**29 CC** Director's Deeds A D  
 Items #1- #2 through #16  
 Excess Lands - Return to State: \$2,086,990  
 Return to Others: \$0

*Item #01-02-Teh-99-PM-0.2, Disposal Unit #DD 031592-01-01 was withdrawn prior to CTC. See Changes to CTC Agenda.*

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar on February 13, 2008.

**30 CC** Financial Allocation (2.5a.): 11 District Minor Projects A D  
 totaling \$7,550,000.  
 (Related item under 2.3c.)  
 Resolution FP-07-52

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar on February 13, 2008.

**31 CC** Financial Allocation (2.5b.): 14 SHOPP Projects totaling A D  
 \$13,683,000, as follows:  
 -- Two projects programmed in the 2006 SHOPP totaling  
 \$6,278,000.  
 -- 12 projects totaling \$7,405,000 amended into the  
 SHOPP by departmental action.  
 Resolution FP-07-53

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar on February 13, 2008.

**32 CC** Financial Allocation (2.5c.(1)): Two State-administered A D  
 STIP Projects on the State Highway System totaling  
 \$709,000, as follows:  
 -- One STIP project for \$89,000.  
 -- One STIP TE project for \$620,000.  
 Resolution FP-07-54

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar on February 13, 2008.

**33** Financial Allocation (2.5c(2)): Five Locally-administered A D  
 STIP Projects on the State Highway System totaling  
 \$28,521,000, plus \$9,733,000 from other sources.  
 Resolution FP-07-55

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar and discussed after Tab 41.

Deputy Director Maura Twomey presented this item and recommended approval.

Commissioner Tavaglione moved to approve the allocation as recommended by staff. Commissioner Alvarado seconded the motion, which carried 10-0. (Commissioner Earp was absent)

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**34 CC** Financial Allocations (2.5c.(3)): 17 Locally-administered STIP Projects off the State Highway System totaling \$13,005,000, plus \$288,890 from other sources, as follows:  
 -- 15 STIP projects totaling \$12,602,000, plus \$74,890 from other sources. (Related Item under 2.1a.(2).)  
 -- One STIP Transportation Enhancement project for \$237,000, plus \$214,000 from other sources.  
 -- One AB 3090 Reimbursement Project for \$166,000.  
 Resolution FP-07-56

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar on February 13, 2008.

**35 CC** Financial Allocation (2.5c.(4)): One Locally-administered Statewide Transportation Enhancement Project for \$3,000,000, plus \$388,682 from other sources.  
 Resolution FP-07-57

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar on February 13, 2008.

**36 CC** Financial Allocation (2.6a.): Two Local STIP Rail/Transit Projects totaling \$1,112,000.  
 Resolution MFP-07-14

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar on February 13, 2008.

**37** **Program/Project Amendments/Approvals for Action (#37 – 39)**  
 The Alameda County Congestion Management Agency proposes to amend TCRP Project #27.1 – Vasco Road Safety and Transit Enhancement Project, to update the project schedule and funding plan.  
 (Related Item under 34 and 40)  
 Resolution TAA-07-44, Amending Resolution TAA-05-15

Juan Guzman  
 Rachel Falsetti

**A D/C**

Assistant Deputy Director Juan Guzman presented this item and recommended approval.

Chair Ghielmetti encouraged Caltrans and regional agencies to work more closely and the need to look at a higher level on how to complete projects.

Commissioner Tavaglione moved to approve this item. Commissioner Bergeson seconded the motion, which carried 10-0. (Commissioner Earp was absent)

**38** The Department proposes to amend TCRP Project #87.2 – Routes 94/125; build two new freeway connector ramps at Route 94/125 in Lemon Grove in San Diego County, to program \$750,000 in new TCRP funding for R/W and update the project schedule and funding plan.  
 (Related Item under 43)  
 Resolution TAA-07-45, Amending Resolution TAA-07-10

Juan Guzman  
 Rachel Falsetti

**A D/C**

Assistant Deputy Director Juan Guzman presented this item and recommended approval.

Commissioner Zarian moved to approve the amendment. Commissioner Chalker seconded the motion, which carried 10-0. (Commissioner Earp was absent)

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39	The Department proposes to amend TCRP Project #92 – San Joaquin Corridor; improve track and signals along San Joaquin intercity rail line near Hanford in Kings County, to revise the scope, and update project schedule and funding plan. The Department also proposes to amend TCRP Project #99.2 – San Joaquin Corridor; improve track and signals along San Joaquin intercity rail line in seven counties, to revise the project scope, program \$3,257,000 in new TCRP funds for Construction, and update the project schedule and funding plan. <i>(Related Item under 43)</i> Resolution TAA-07-46, Amending Resolution TA-02-06	Juan Guzman Rachel Falsetti	A D/C
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Assistant Deputy Director Juan Guzman presented this item and recommended approval.

Commissioner Lindsey asked if Stockton and Escalon were happy with this. Mr. Guzman responded that they were.

Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve the amendment. Commissioner Bergeson seconded the motion, which carried 10-0. (Commissioner Earp was absent)

<b><u>Financial Allocations/Amendments for Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) Projects (#40)</u></b>			
40	Financial Allocation (2.6e.(1)): One AB 1335 Letter of No Prejudice for \$6,350,000. <i>(Related Item under 37)</i> Resolution TFP-07-10	Maura Twomey Rachel Falsetti	A D/C

Deputy Director Maura Twomey presented this item and recommended approval.

Commissioner Tavaglione moved to approve the allocation. Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion, which carried 10-0. (Commissioner Earp was absent)

<b><u>Program/Project Amendments/Approvals for Action (#41)</u></b>			
41	The North Coast Railroad Authority (NCRA) proposes to amend TCRP Project #32.3 – North Coast Railroad Authority; completion of rail line from Willits to Arcata, to revise the project scope, and update the project schedule and funding plan. NCRA also proposes to amend TCRP Project #32.9 – North Coast Railroad Authority; long-term stabilization, to revise the project scope, re-distribute \$2,253,000 in programmed funds from PA&ED and \$996,000 from PS&E to Construction, and update the project schedule and funding plan. <i>(Related Items under 42 and 43)</i> Resolution TAA-07-47, Amending Resolutions TAA-06-60 and TAA-07-09	Juan Guzman Rachel Falsetti	A D/C

Assistant Deputy Director Juan Guzman presented this item and recommended approval.

Commissioner Chalker asked for clarification on if the funding is to be taken off the EIR/EIS phase and used for geotechnical studies instead. Mr. Guzman answered that was the intent.

Commissioner Chalker asked if the geotechnical work will fulfill work for the segment. Mitch Stogner, Executive Director North Coast Railroad Authority, said that if an EIR/EIS needs to be done, the geotechnical study is the first step.

Commissioner Lindsey asked how the EIR/EIS would be funded. Mr. Stogner indicated that Federal funding is being pursued to complete the EIR/EIS.

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Commissioner Zarian moved to approve the amendment. Commissioner Frommer seconded the motion, which carried 10-0. (Commissioner Earp was absent)

42	<p><b>Financial Allocations/Amendments for Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) Projects (#42 – 43)</b>                  Financial Allocation Amendment (2.6e.(3)): Two TCRP Projects, net change \$0.  <i>(Related Items under 24 and 43)</i>                  Resolution TFP-07-___, Amending Resolutions TFP-06-08 and TFP-06-25</p>	Juan Guzman Rachel Falsetti	A D/C
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Assistant Deputy Director Juan Guzman presented this item and recommended approval.

Commissioner Bergeson moved to approve allocation amendment. Commissioner Zarian seconded the motion, which carried 10-0. (Commissioner Earp was absent)

43	<p>Financial Allocation (2.6e.(2)): Four TCRP Projects for \$22,568,000.  <i>(Related Items under 38, 39, 41, and 42)</i>                  Resolution TFP-07-___</p>	Juan Guzman Rachel Falsetti	A D/C
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Assistant Deputy Director Juan Guzman presented this item and recommended approval of Projects #1 and #4.

Commissioner Zarian moved to approve staff recommendation. Commissioner Alvarado seconded the motion, which carrier 10-0. (Commissioner Earp was absent)

44	<p><b>Request to Extend the Period of Contract Award (#44)</b>                  Request to Extend the Period of Contract Award for TCRP Project #32.9 – North Coast Railroad; long-term stabilization, per Resolution G-06-08.  <i>(Related items under 41, 42 and 43)</i>                  Waiver-08-06</p>	Juan Guzman Rachel Falsetti	A D/C
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Assistant Deputy Director Juan Guzman presented this item and recommended approval.

Commissioner Tavaglione moved to approve the extension request. Commissioner Alvarado seconded the motion, which carrier 10-0. (Commissioner Earp was absent)

45	<p><b>POLICY MATTERS (#45)</b>                  Approval of Amendment to 2006 Aeronautics Program Resolution G-08-03, Amending Resolution G-06-05</p>	Robert Chung Mary Frederick	A D
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Deputy Direction Robert Chung introduced this item and noted that the Commission’s Technical Advisory Committee on Aeronautics recommended approval when the item was noticed last month. Mr. Mary Frederick, Chief Caltrans Division of Aeronautics, presented the item and recommended approval.

Vice Chair Chalker moved to approve the item. Commissioner Tavaglione seconded the motion, which carried 10-0. (Commissioner Earp was absent)

**ADJOURN**

Chair Ghielmetti moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Chalker seconded the motion, which carried 10-0. (Commissioner Earp was absent).

The meeting of the California Transportation Commission was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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**Thursday, February 14, 2008**

**9:00 a.m. Commission Meeting**

**Hyatt Regency  
Ballrooms A, B & C  
1333 Bayshore Highway  
Burlingame, California 94010**

**9:00 am GENERAL BUSINESS**

The meeting of the California Transportation Commission was called to order by Chair Ghielmetti at 9:03 a.m. on February 14, 2008, at the Hyatt Regency, Ballrooms A, B & C, 1333 Bayshore Highway, Burlingame, California.

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

COMMISSIONER ALVARADO	Absent
COMMISSIONER BERGESON	
VICE CHAIR CHALKER	
COMMISSIONER EARP	Absent
COMMISSIONER FROMMER	
COMMISSIONER GUARDINO	
CHAIR GHIELMETTI	
COMMISSIONER LINDSEY	
COMMISSIONER TAGAMI	
COMMISSIONER TAVAGLIONE	
COMMISSIONER ZARIAN	
<b>TOTAL</b>	Present <u>  9  </u> Absent <u>  2  </u>

Assembly Member Pedro Nava, Ex-Officio Not Present  
Senator Alan S. Lowenthal, Ex-Officio Not Present

**LOCAL REPORTS (#46)**

<b>46</b>	Presentation on US 101 Prunedale	Rich Krumholz Debbie Hale	<b>I R</b>
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Rich Krumholz, District Director Caltrans District 5, and Debbie Hale, Executive Director Transportation Agency of Monterey County, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Prunedale improvement project.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS (#47 – 48)**

<b>47</b>	Adoption of Proposition 1B Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Account Guidelines Resolution GS1B-G-0708-01	Robert Chung Bill Bronte Pamela Lewis (PUC) Dan Leavitt (HSRA)	<b>A C</b>
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Executive Director John Barna recommended that this item be deferred until the March meeting.

Commission Zarian moved to approve the delay of this item until the Commission's March meeting. Commissioner Tavaglione seconded the motion which carried 9-0. (Commissioners Alvarado and Earp were absent)

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48	Adoption of Proposition 1B Traffic Light Synchronization Program Guidelines Resolution TLSP-G-0708-01	Juan Guzman Ross Chittenden	A C
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Assistant Deputy Director Juan Guzman presented this item and recommended approval.

Chair Ghielmetti opened the public hearing and asked if there was any public comment. Being that there was no public comment, Chair Ghielmetti closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve the TLSP Guidelines. Vice Chair Chalker seconded the motion, which carried 9-0. (Commissioners Alvarado and Earp were absent)

<b><u>POLICY MATTERS (#49)</u></b>			
49	Approval of Proposition 1B Intercity Rail Project List Resolution ICR1B-P-0708-01	Robert Chung Bill Bronte	A D

Deputy Director Robert Chung and Bill Bronte, Chief Caltrans Division of Rail, presented the item.

Vice Chair Chalker requested that within the next 30 days that Caltrans provide a detailed breakdown by corridor of what the plan is to assign rail cars and provide what anticipated level of service will be.

Vice Chair Chalker expressed concern with \$25 million identified for the Lossan Corridor. He stated that it is hard to convince someone to take the train when you can drive in a car at the same amount of time. There must be a measure of time and cost to attract riders. He indicated that he would support the approval with the caveat that more information on the \$25 million for the corridor come back to the Commission.

Commissioner Tagami said that he would like to see the actual dollar amount, not rounded up.

Dave Potter, Chair Coast Rail Coordinating Council, expressed his support. Mr. Potter provided the Commission with a letter from Senator Abel Maldonado indicating this Senator's support for capital improvements along the Coastal Rail Corridor between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Vice Chair Chalker moved to approve this item with the caveat that more information on the \$25 million be provided. Commissioner Zarian seconded the motion, which carried 8-0. (Commissioner Lindsey voted No, Commissioners Alvarado and Earp were absent)

<b><u>POLICY MATTERS (#50 – 51)</u></b>			
50	Adoption of Section 5310 Elderly and Disabled Transit Program Qualitative Scoring Criteria and Project Rating Form Resolution G-08-02	Juan Guzman	A C

Assistant Deputy Director Juan Guzman presented this item and recommended approval.

Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve as recommended by staff. Commissioner Tavaglione seconded the motion, which carried 9-0. (Commissioners Alvarado and Earp were absent)

51	Advice and Consent on Transportation Development Act Regulations	David Brewer Gale Ogawa	I D
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Chief Deputy Director David Brewer introduced Gale Ogawa, Chief Caltrans Division of Mass Transportation, who presented this item and indicated that it will come back at the Commission's March meeting for action.

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52	<p><b><u>Financial Allocations for STIP Projects (#52)</u></b>                      Financial Allocation Adjustment (2.5c.(5)): One STIP Sutter/Yuba 70 Corridor Project near Rio Oso, per AB 608.                      Resolution FA-07-08, Amending Resolution FP-06-115</p>	Maura Twomey Rachel Falsetti	A	D/C
<p>Deputy Director Maura Twomey presented this item.</p>				
<p>Pete Hathaway, Executive Deputy Director SACOG, addressed the Commission and requested their support of this allocation adjustment.</p>				
<p>Director Will Kempton requested that this item be deferred until the Commission’s March meeting to allow staff to work with SACOG in developing a solution.</p>				
<p>Commissioner Zarian moved to delay this item until the March meeting. Commissioner Bergeson seconded the motion, which carried 9-0. (Commissioners Alvarado and Earp were absent)</p>				
53	<p><b><u>POLICY MATTERS (#53)</u></b>                      State and Federal Legislative Matters</p>	Robert Chung	A	C
<p>Deputy Director Robert Chung provided a status report on AB 353, AB 660, AB 1675 and SB 1118.</p>				
<p>Commissioner Lindsey requested that Mr. Chung provide a “pink” providing status of legislation at each meeting with his report.</p>				
54	<p><b><u>Proposition 1B CMIA Program Amendments (#54)</u></b>                      The Department, Solano County Transportation Authority and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission propose to amend the CMIA Program for I-80 HOV Lanes project (PPNO 8320B) to split the project into three construction contracts and extend the Construction Contract Acceptance milestone from December 2009 to December 2010. (Related Item under 55)                      Resolution CMIA-PA-0708-003</p>	David Brewer Rachel Falsetti	A	D
<p>Chief Deputy Director David Brewer presented this item and recommended approval of the amendment with the understanding that the project will return in the next month or two for action on an amendment to the project’s CMIA baseline agreement.</p>				
<p>Commissioner Bergeson moved to approve the program amendment as recommended by staff. Commissioner Tavaglione seconded the motion, which carried 9-0. (Commissioners Alvarado and Earp were absent)</p>				
55	<p><b><u>Proposition 1B CMIA Project Allocations (#55)</u></b>                      Financial Allocation (2.5g.(1a)): Two State-administered CMIA Projects on the State Highway System totaling \$122,833,000, plus \$29,608,000 from other sources.                      Resolution CMIA-A-0708-007</p>	Maura Twomey Rachel Falsetti	A	D

Deputy Director Maura Twomey presented this item and recommended approval.

Commissioner Zarian moved to approve the project allocations as recommended by staff. Commissioner Tavaglione seconded the motion, which carried 9-0. (Commissioners Alvarado and Earp were absent)

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56	<p><b>Proposition 1B STIP Project Allocations (#56)</b>                  Financial Allocation (2.5g.(3a)): One State-administered STIP Project on the State Highway System for \$23,404,000, plus \$3,230,000 from other sources.                  Resolution STIP1B-A-0708-008</p>	Maura Twomey Rachel Falsetti	A D
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Deputy Director Maura Twomey presented this item and recommended approval.

Commissioner Tavaglione moved to approve the project allocations as recommended by staff. Commissioner Frommer seconded the motion, which carried 9-0. (Commissioners Alvarado and Earp were absent)

57	<p><b>Proposition 1B State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) Project Allocations (#57)</b>                  Financial Allocation (2.5g.(6)): Six SHOPP projects totaling \$22,167,000.                  Resolution SHOP1B-A-0708-004</p>	Maura Twomey Rachel Falsetti	A D
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Deputy Director Maura Twomey presented this item and recommended approval.

Commissioner Tavaglione moved to approve the project allocations as recommended by staff. Commissioner Frommer seconded the motion, which carried 9-0. (Commissioners Alvarado and Earp were absent)

58	<p><b>Request to Extend the Period of Contract Award (#58 – 59)</b>                  Request to Extend the Period of Contract Award for One State-administered STIP project for \$7,564,000 and One SHOPP project for \$1,583,000, per Resolution G-06-08.                  Waiver-08-04</p>	Maura Twomey Rachel Falsetti	A D
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Project #1 (STIP 07-178501, LA-105) was withdrawn prior to CTC meeting. See Changes to CTC Agenda.

Deputy Director Maura Twomey presented this item and recommended approval.

Commissioner Tavaglione moved to approve the project allocations as recommended by staff. Commissioner Bergeson seconded the motion, which carried 9-0. (Commissioners Alvarado and Earp were absent)

59	<p>Request to Extend the Period of Contract Award for One Locally-administered STIP Project for the City of Bishop for \$430,000, per Resolution G-06-08                  Waiver-08-05</p>	Maura Twomey Terry Abbott	A D
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Deputy Director Maura Twomey presented this item and recommended approval.

Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve the extension request. Commissioner Tavaglione seconded the motion, which carried 9-0. (Commissioners Alvarado and Earp were absent)

60	<p><b>Technical Corrections to Previously Approved Resolutions (#60)</b>                  Technical Correction to Resolution STIP1B-A-0708-005, originally approved November 8, 2007, in the amount of \$118,893,000 for two State-administered STIP Projects. A technical correction is needed for Project #2 – Route 101 Operational Improvements project (PPNO 05-0478) to modify the construction allocation amount.</p>	David Brewer Rachel Falsetti	A D
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Chief Deputy Director David Brewer presented this item and recommended approval.

Commissioner Bergeson moved to approve the technical correction. Commissioner Zarian seconded the motion, which carried 9-0. (Commissioners Alvarado and Earp were absent)

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**OTHER MATTERS / PUBLIC COMMENT**

Pat Giorni addressed the Commission and urged the allocation of funding for transit and bicycles.

**ADJOURN**

Chair Ghielmetti moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Zarian seconded the motion, which carried 9-0. (Commissioners Alvarado and Earp were absent).

The meeting of the California Transportation Commission was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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JOHN F. BARNA, JR., Executive Director