

Memorandum

To: Chair and Commissioners

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Summary: The following is a progress report on the October 1, 2008, Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee (TBPOC) meeting:

October 1st TBPOC meeting –

- The TBPOC and staff visited the ZPMC fabrication facility on Changxing Island, in China. A visual inspection was conducted. The inspection covered the shear-leg barge crane, the tower fabrication shop, the temporary support trusses, the orthotropic box girder (OBG) assembly and deck panel subassembly bays, as well as the offices occupied by the Caltrans construction team. Overall, everything was in order.
- The TBPOC met with the Caltrans construction team, in China. The discussion focused on the next steps to complete the QC/QA process for the deck panels.
- In conclusion, the construction team recommended the implementation of an electronic database to facilitate access to the QC/QA documentation. A revision to the current specifications, which were crafted to handle simpler bridge elements, is necessary to accommodate the order of magnitude and complexity encountered with the OBG and tower components.

Background: In July 2005, Assembly Bill 144, (AB144) Hancock created the Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee (TBPOC) to exercise project oversight and control over the Toll Bridge Seismic Retrofit Program. The TBPOC is comprised of the Director of the Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) Executive Director, and the Executive Director of the California Transportation Commission (CTC).

The TBPOC's program oversight and control activities include, review and approval of contract bid documents, contract change orders and resolution of major project issues.