

Memorandum

To: Chair and Commissioners

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Information**

Ref: Monthly Report on Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee Activity

Summary: Since the last Commission meeting the following San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge Seismic Retrofit project construction activities and Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee (TBPOC) actions occurred:

Self Anchored Suspension (SAS) contract –

- On December 26, 2008, the first shipment of fabricated steel (temporary support structures) arrived aboard a ZPMC transport ship from China at Caltrans' Pier 7 bridge construction staging area in Oakland. Upon the ships arrival an unforeseen craft jurisdiction labor dispute irrupted between the International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) and the Ironworker and Operating Engineers union workers employed by the prime contractor. The TBPOC requested that the prime contractor American Bridge – Fluor Enterprises a Joint Venture (ABF-JV) suspend all ship unload operations at Pier 7 until negotiations with the ILWU took place. The TBPOC ordered its Program Management Team (PMT) to immediately enter into negotiations with the ILWU. By Tuesday evening December 30, 2008, the PMT and the ILWU worked out an interim solution specifically for this first Chinese steel shipment. The ILWU will be involved in releasing the transport ship from its location at Pier 7 in Oakland. The ship will then be unloaded on the construction site in the bay near Yerba Buena Island by Ironworker and Operating Engineers union workers. Upcoming steel shipment will be addressed separately.

Yerba Buena Island (YBI) Detour –

- The prime contractor CC Myers is targeting to make a final determination on the feasibility of a Labor Day 2009 roll-out/roll-in of the east tie-in segment by February 2009.

West Approach –

- The West Approach connecting San Francisco to the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge received its seismic safety certification in mid December 2008. Final mainline lane realignments and the opening of the Sterling Street on-ramp should be done by mid January 2009.

December 23rd TBPOC meeting –

- At the TBPOC meeting the outcome of the December 11, 2008, TBPOC / ABF-JV partnering session was discussed. Consensus on a number of items was achieved at the partnering session. Most importantly, a strategy to deliver most of the steel from China to the job site by the end of 2009 was set in motion. The success of the plan will be

measured by a series of key milestones all targeted for completion within the first quarter of 2009. A major component of the strategy is the acquisition of additional shop space at the ZPMC manufacturing facility in Shanghai.

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.