

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Information

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Subject: **HEARING ON THE 2014 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

ISSUE:

On September 26, 2013 the Governor signed legislation creating the Active Transportation Program (Senate Bill 99, Chapter 359 and Assembly Bill 101, Chapter 354). This legislation requires the Commission, in consultation with an Active Transportation Program Workgroup, to develop program guidelines by March 26, 2014. The Commission guidelines are to describe the policy, standards, criteria, and procedures for the development, adoption and management of the Active Transportation Program. A copy of the guidelines can be found under item 4.20.

The Commission must hold at least two public hearings prior to adopting these guidelines. This hearing will be the second of those hearings, with the first scheduled for January 22, 2014 in Los Angeles.

BACKGROUND:

The goals of the Active Transportation Program are to:

- Increase the proportion of biking and walking trips.
- Increase safety for nonmotorized users.
- Increase mobility for nonmotorized users.
- Advance the efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals.
- Enhance public health, including the reduction of childhood obesity through the use of projects eligible for Safe Routes to Schools Program funding.
- Ensure disadvantaged communities fully share in program benefits (25% of program).
- Provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users.