

**Group Memory**  
**Transportation Cooperative Committee**  
**April 7, 2022, - 9:00am-12:00pm - Via Zoom**

**Attendees**

Dee Lam	Mark Lancaste
Mark Samuelson	Mary Reyes
Patricia Chen	Maura Twomey
Chris Lee	Meghan McKelvey
David Giongco	Nicholas Burton
Sherrri Graham	Paul Schneider
Aimee Kratovil (FHWA)	Daniel Burke
Daniel Hawk (FHWA)	Bruce Robertson
Matt Schmitz	Felicia Haslem
Arnold Dichosa	Sujaya Kalainesan
Brent Maue	Kelly Hobbs
Boris Deunert	Robert Peterson
Caroline Cirrincione	Laura Quintana
Cristina Colon	Rene Guerrero,
David Fleisch	Robert Newman,
David MacGregor	Rodney Whitfield
Edel Vizcarra,	Sarkes Khachek
Teresa Favila	Siew-Chin Yeong
Girum Awoke	Tanzeeba Kishwar
Harry Thomas	Tim Burke
Joshua Pack	Tina Carlson
Kris Markarian,	Victor Koo
Jeanie Ward-Waller	Woodrow Deloria
Lamin Williams	M. Woodman
Lisa Alexen	Ivan Garcia
Marina Espinoza	Naomi Caietti, CCE Notetaker
Merrin Gerety	
Najee Zarif	
Mario Rodriguez	

**Agenda Committee**

Dee Lam, Meeting Chair  
Mark Samuelson  
Sujaya Kalainesan  
David Giongco  
Chris Lee

**Desired outcome**

Identify strategies to improve TCC effectiveness. Review and assess our effectiveness, validate the charter, set direction and priorities for the future.

## **Charter/Purpose**

California Transportation Coop Committee serves to:

- Address transportation funding, procedural and legislative issues related to project delivery from a local perspective. (reviewed January 2021).
- Enhance the working relationship between cities & counties, COGs and RTPAs, Caltrans, CTC and FHWA. This extends to improving communication with all stakeholders. Collaboration is a key method. (reviewed January 2021)
- Spread information and improve access to all stakeholders through the use of technology. (reviewed January 2021)
- Partner with Caltrans and FHWA to improve efficiency and enhance the ability to meet all stakeholder needs. (reviewed January 2021)

## **Agenda Item 1. Introductions**

### **Agenda Item 2. TCC Meeting Guidelines and Recording, Sherri Graham**

- 2.1. Emergency Relief Program Statewide Webinar - April 2022. To register by District, please visit the LTAP Training Page:[www.californialtap.org/](http://www.californialtap.org/)
- 2.2 For News, Training and Resources please visit the Local Assistance Blog:[www.localassistanceblog.com/](http://www.localassistanceblog.com/)

### **Agenda Item 3. Welcome & Updates, Dee Lam**

- 3.1. Shared welcome remarks, introduced presenters, and introduced DLA Acting Assistant Division Chief - Sujaya Kalainesan.
- 3.2. Agenda reviewed, navigate change and performance efficiency and acknowledge work in progress.
- 3.3. Discussed metrics, improvements, group project links and CIA Conference later this year.
- 3.4. Planning is always top of mind.

### **Agenda Item 4. DLA Office Chiefs – Technical Matters, DOT DLA Office Chiefs**

- 4.1. Kelly Hobbs shared updates for upcoming training events.
  - 4.1.1 Upcoming March event with over 300 attendees,
  - 4.1.2 Training in June and September.
  - 4.1.2 Looking for a presenter for Fall '22.
- 4.2. Robert Peterson shared updates for work in progress.
  - 4.2.1 Call for projects for Cycle 11; due May 9<sup>th</sup>. Webinar provided to address next steps.
  - 4.2.2 Survey in progress. Performing value analysis and results.
  - 4.2.3 Online training available for local agencies; reduce costs and improve efficiency.

- 4.2.4 IIJA funding to HBP; waiting for final budget.ER; 88-time extensions.
- 4.2.5 Fix it First Subgroup on agenda 4/8.
- 4.3. Felicia shared updates on the repeat inactive listing (16) and PED Tool.
- 4.4. Gretchen shared updates on efforts in progress.
  - 4.4.1 Clean California Grant recipients announcement occurred March 1 by Governor's Office; 329 applications of \$758 million projected funding (Urban, Suburban and Rural).
  - 4.4.2 Finalizing documents for debrief in mid-May with awardees. Funds will be available once contracts completed.
  - 4.4.3 Clean CA; there will be no more rounds of funding for 21/22. More funding projected in 23/24 but not yet approved.
- 4.5. Tanzeeba shared updates on work in progress on Green Book and contract standards. There will an upcoming blog post with more information.
  - 4.5.1 <https://www.localassistanceblog.com/2022/03/14/fhwa-implementation-plan-for-southern-california-greenbook-standards/>
- 4.6. Cathy McKeon shared updates on bridge request submissions, counts checking data metrics, announced May is bike month and call for projects for Cycle 6.
  - 4.6.1 May is Bike Month Challenge: <https://mailchi.mp/3befb3dc442d/may-is-bike-month-2022-registration-open?e=5ee731dae5>
- 4.7. Laura had no updates.

#### **Agenda Item 5. Summary Right of Way Findings, Daniel Hawk, FHWA**

- 5.1. Parcel process – Right of Way manual updates.
- 5.2. Funding issues; review improvements in procedures.
- 5.3. Documentation is critical; completed in writing to support any audits.

#### **Agenda Item 6. Obligation Plan Updates, Sujaya Kalainesan**

- 6.1. Data projected for Aug/Sep; may not meet deadline.
- 6.2. Reviewed projections for money spent to date; not enough projects in que to spend funding.
- 6.3. Planning project pipeline improvements discussions with regions.

#### **Break**

#### **Agenda Item 7. California Transportation Commission Update, Kacey Ruggiero**

- 7.1. Reported joint CTC/CARB/HCD biannual meeting occurring today 9:30-3:30.

- 7.2. ATP Cycle 6 applications due June 15<sup>th</sup>; check website for more information.
- 7.3. SB1 Program; equity workshop available below. The workshop is a follow-up on incorporating Transportation Equity into the SB1 program Guidelines. Check website for more information.
  - 7.3.1 SB 1 Equity Workshop on April 11 from 1-4p, SCCP Workshop on April 15 from 1-4p, TCEP Workshop on April 20 from 1-4p and LPP Workshop on April 26 from 1-4p.
- 7.4. STIP adopted March '22, check website for more information on workshops.

### **Agenda Item 8. Infrastructure Investment and Job Act Update, Nicole Longoria**

- 8.1. CalSTA and Caltrans kicked off the IJJA Implementation Working Group Meetings in Mid-December. Caltrans has 13 led sub-working groups that are all working very hard, or waiting on federal guidance so the group has the information they need to better understand its impact to the state.
  - 8.1.1 Meetings scheduled through mid-may, but, we're trying to see what we can do to accelerate our process.
  - 8.1.2 Fix it first group will be doing a deep dive on bridge funding tomorrow morning, so that group could wrap up very soon.
  - 8.1.3 Each Sub-working group will develop an action plan/white paper that will be posted on CalSTA's IJJA implementation website.

### **Agenda Item 9. FHWA Update, Daniel Hawk**

- 9.1. 8.3%; lowest in a quarter.
- 9.2. Obligation limitation ; FEMIS 4B.
- 9.3. Payment integrity act; three local project reimbursements for CA Cities.
- 9.4. Finance; LPA – project end date monitoring using PED Tool.
- 9.5. nonfinance; notice of funding available. More information available soon.
- 9.6. CEAC; LPA responses.
- 9.7. ADA complaints are rising; keep ADA updated.
- 9.8. DR projects: IJJA/BIL 270 days
- 9.9. CMGA project; not covered by FHWA for further information.

### **Agenda Item 10. LTAP Update and Underserved Communities, Daniel Burke**

- 10.1. LTAP Program; contracted with Long Beach to provide training and services.
- 10.2. Build a Better Mousetrap, check website for more information.  
<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/clas/babm/>

## **Agenda Item 11. 2022 Objectives - Survey Discussion and Composition, Tanzeeba Kishwar and Subcommittee members**

- 11.1. TCC Survey; met with focus groups. Caltrans is gathering information to provide to Long Beach to assist with survey.

## **Agenda Item 12. 2022 Objectives & Action Items, Project Leads**

- 12.1. Reported the following updates to action items, objectives, and spreadsheet updated in real time and is available online on MS Teams for the committee to review.
  - 12.1.1 Reviewed action items; 183,187,188,189,190,191,192,193
  - 12.1.2 Reviewed objectives. 1,2,4,5,6,8

## **Roundtable Discussion 13.**

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- a) Joshua Pack shared that they have seen a like a significant delay in terms of receiving our E76 for construction; Caltrans will follow up with a response.
- b) Joshua Pack asked why the bridge programs not advancing. Caltrans staff noted that discussions are ongoing regarding HBP allocations. Caltrans has proposed legislation that is making its way through the state legislature to memorialize previous agreements on funding ratios, but the ratio of bridges that are that are structurally deficient is much higher.
- c) Volunteer request from David Giongco for Survey Plan Request.
- d.) Najee Zarif asked for any updates on the governor's proposal for ATP funds; Dee Lam and Keith Duncan provided updates and suggested it is still in process and expect to get additional information in the May revision of the budget.
- e.) Joshua Pack asked about disaster recovery disaster recovery funding; committee discussed.
- f.) Najee Zarif asked if CEQA for NEPA proposal officially dead; Kelly Hobbs mentioned there had been no movement on it.

## **Agenda Item 14. TCC Meeting Closing, Dee Lam**

- 14.1. Dee Lam recapped meeting and discussed future in person/hybrid meeting.
- 14.2. Meeting adjourned at 11:12 am.

**Next meeting:** May 26, via Zoom.

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