CFAC Meeting Minutes

Details

Date: July 7th & July 14th, 2022
Time: 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. & 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Location: Webex

Meeting Objectives: The objective of the meeting is to provide updates and discuss current state freight efforts including the State Freight Plan, funding programs and other related items.

Attendees

Facilitator: Caltrans
Scribe: Treasure Acevedo
Attendees: CFAC members, Caltrans, FHWA, CalSTA, GO-Biz, CARB

Agenda Items

Agenda Item [#1]: Introduction/Call Meeting to Order

Welcome:
Jeanie Ward-Waller, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Deputy Director, Planning and Modal Programs
Jeanie Ward-Waller, as Chair of the California Freight Advisory Committee (CFAC) welcomed attendees. Additionally, Jeanie gave an overview of the agenda, provided brief opening remarks, and introduced Trelynd Bradley the new Deputy Director of Supply Chain Development and Sustainable Freight from The Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz).

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Agenda Item [#2]: Informational Presentation and Feedback California Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP) Update:

Presentation:
Jeff Morneau, Caltrans, CFMP Program Manager, Office of Sustainable Freight Planning

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Jeff Morneau gave a presentation on the current effort to update the California Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP) to meet the requirements of the new Federal Infrastructure and Investments Job Act (IIJA). Due to the new requirements that the state freight plan must be updated every four (4) years, the CFMP will need to be updated and approved by Federal Highways by July 2023. During the presentation Jeff went through the proposed content of the CFMP 2023 update and proposed outreach for the plan.

Discussion:
Jeff Morneau presented the committee with four (4) questions about the CFMP 2023 update.

- What do you think should be included or addressed in the plan?
- Are there any plan components the CFAC should be involved in?
- What types of feedback from outreach do you want to see?
- Are there any new engagement tools you have used or are aware of that are effective?

The committee members and attendees were able to answer utilizing an online poll software, type in the chat box function or raise their hand and speak. Multiple sources of input and feedback was provided and collected to inform the CFMP 2023 update.

Conclusions: Caltrans will continue to engage the CFAC regularly to help advise and inform the update of the CFMP.

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Agenda Item [#3]: Panel Discussion Questions & Answers FHWA, CTC, CalSTA, and Caltrans Updates Q&A

Panel Discussion:

Michael Morris, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Community Planner on behalf of: Christina Leach
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Acting Director of Planning and Environment

Michael Morris announced that Christina Leach is no longer the acting Director of Planning and Environment, and Antonio Johnson is now the permanent Director of Planning and Environment at the Federal Highway Administration California Division.

Hannah Walter, California Transportation Commission (CTC), Associate Deputy Director

Hannah Walter gave a brief update on the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) guidelines, Senate Bill 671: Clean Freight Corridor Assessment and the Freight Resiliency research effort in coordination with the US Army Engineer and Research and Development Center (ERDC).
• TCEP guidelines are expected to be finalized in August 2022 and will be available on the CTC website.
• Senate Bill 671: Clean Freight Corridor Assessment draft slides were given to the workgroup and comments were made.
• ERDC work on Freight Resiliency plans to provide spatial data and information on the impacts of natural and manmade disasters to the transportation system. Hannah will provide updates as the research and mapping move along.

Avital Barnea California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), Deputy Secretary for Transportation Planning
Avital Barnea gave an overview of the recently passed 2022-2023 California State Budget and highlighted key areas for transportation investments like the $1.2 Billion Port and Freight Infrastructure Program to address supply chain resiliency and port projects. CalSTA has a new Deputy Secretary for Freight Position which should be filled soon.

Nieves Castro, Caltrans, Deputy Division Chief of Multi-Modal System and Project Planning on behalf of: Marlon Flournoy, Caltrans, Division Chief of Transportation Planning
Nieves Castro provided updates on the current efforts within the Caltrans Division of Transportation Planning.
• The update of the California Statewide Freight Forecasting Travel Demand Model (CSF2TDM) will kick off later this month. Caltrans will form a peer advisory committee and a technical advisory committee for the freight forecasting component of the model as well as looking for additional freight data sources.
• Caltrans Division of Transportation Planning is developing a scope of work to create a statewide big data platform which will include a freight origin and destination component. The anticipated procurement of this platform will be next summer 2023.
• Caltrans Division of Transportation Planning is working to establish new targets for Truck Travel Time Reliability for our PM3 goals 2024 through 2026. Caltrans plans to host engagement sessions with the MPOs sometime in July and the end of August to meet the September 30th reporting deadline to FHWA.
• The Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan (ITSP) Addendum is undergoing internal review and the draft will be released for public comment in mid-August.
• The California Statewide Truck Parking Study Final report posted online. A press release regarding the study will be released from our Public Information Office later this month.

Trelynd Bradley, Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz), Deputy Director of Supply Chain Development and Sustainable Freight
Trelynd Bradley, as the new Deputy Director of Supply Chain Development and Sustainable Freight at GO-Biz, introduced himself to the group and gave an overview of his experience. Trelynd announced that Go-Biz will provide 2.1 mill in funding to support data for supply chain resiliency.
**Conclusions:** Representatives will continue to provide updates from their respective agencies to the CFAC group.

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**Agenda Item [#4]: Purpose: Informational Presentation and Feedback CFAC Amendment and Member Qualification Vetting Process Update**

**Presentation:**

**Alison Nealon, Caltrans, Associate Transportation Planner, Office of Sustainable Freight Planning.**

Alison Nealon gave a presentation the new requirements in IIJA for State Freight Advisory committees and the actions that need to be taken so the CFAC remains in compliance with the new requirements.

- The current CFAC Charter will need to be updated and will be circulated to the group after the meeting.
- A vetting process will need to be created to assess each CFAC members qualifications to serve as a committee member.
- Caltrans will need to solicit new groups like Community Based Organizations, Environmental Groups, etc. to increase representation among the committee.

**Conclusions:** Caltrans will continue to engage the CFAC regularly to help advise and inform the update of the CFAC charter and qualifications vetting process.

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**Agenda Item [#5]: Purpose: Informational Presentation and Feedback Notice of Funding Opportunities**

**Presentation:**

**Sinara Pheng, Caltrans, Chief, Office of Strategic Investment Planning**

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Sinara Pheng presented an overview the Office of Strategic Investment Planning, Caltrans Notice of Funding Opportunity process and methodology for approaching projects to nominate for State and Federal discretionary grant programs.

**Conclusions:** None

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**Agenda Item [#6]: Purpose: Panel Discussion Questions & Answers Governor’s Port, Freight Goods Movement Budget Proposal,**

**Panel Discussion:**

**Giles Giovinazzi, CalSTA, Senior Advisor**  
**Avital Barnea California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), Deputy Secretary for Transportation Planning**  
**Eric Fredericks, CalSTA, Freight Policy Coordinator**

CalSTA provided a background overview of the purpose and goals of Governor Newsom’s 1.2 billion FY 22-23 Budget proposal for port infrastructure and goods movement funding program, eligible project types, evaluation criteria and timelines.

- **Schedule**
  - Release Draft Guidelines – July 2022
  - Guidelines Workshops
    - Workshop 1: Early/Mid-August 2022 (Daytime)
    - Workshop 2: Early/Mid-August 2022 (Late-Afternoon/Evening)
  - Closing Date for Comments of Draft Guidelines – Late August 2022
  - CalSTA Publishes Guidelines/Call for Projects – Mid-September 2022
  - Project Applications Due – Mid-November 2022
  - CalSTA Award Announcement – Late December 2022/Early January 2023

**Conclusions:** None
Agenda Item [#7]: Purpose: Public Comments and Action Item Review

Yatman Kwan, Caltrans, Chief, Office of Sustainable Freight Planning

Yatman Kwan announced three (3) action items from the meeting and opened the floor to public comment.

Public Comment: none.

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<td>3. All materials, recordings, and minutes from both parts of the CFAC meeting will be posted online to the CFAC website in 2 weeks’ time.</td>
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