

MINUTES

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

February 21-22, 2001
Sacramento, California

The California Transportation Commission meeting was called to order at 2:21 p.m. on February 21, 2001 at the Department of Food and Agriculture First Floor Auditorium, 1220 N Street, Sacramento, California.

The Commissioners' attendance was as follows:

Members Present: Roger Kozberg, Chairman
Jeremiah Hallisey, Vice Chairman
James Kellogg
Allen Lawrence
John Lawson
Kirk Lindsey
Dianne McKenna
Esteban Torres

Members Absent: Senator Kevin Murray, ex-officio
Assemblyman John Dutra, ex-officio

The meeting recessed at 4:55 p.m. and reconvened on February 22, 2001 at 8:30 a.m. The Commissioners' attendance was as follows:

Members Present: Roger Kozberg, Chairman
Jeremiah Hallisey, Vice Chairman
James Kellogg
Allen Lawrence
John Lawson
Kirk Lindsey
Dianne McKenna
Esteban Torres

Members Absent: Senator Kevin Murray, ex-officio
Assemblyman John Dutra, ex-officio

1. GENERAL MATTERS

1.(1) Approval of Minutes for January 17-18, 2001 Meeting

The January 2001 minutes were presented for approval. Commissioner Lawrence moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

1.(2) Commissioners' Meetings for Compensation

The List of Commissioners' Meetings was presented for approval. Commissioner Kellogg moved to approve the List. Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

1.(3) Information Calendar

Deputy Director Stephen Maller presented the following agenda items as information reports which were deemed by staff not to raise any issues:

- 2.1b.(1) STIP Amendment for Notice – Amend the STIP to program \$4,269,000 from San Joaquin County's Unprogrammed Share Balance for ten local widening and rehabilitation projects in San Joaquin County:
- 2.1b.(2) STIP Amendment for Notice - Amend the STIP to program \$1,000,000 from Monterey County's Advance Project Development Element (APDE) for a Route 68 (Holman Highway) widening project near the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula (CHOMP) in Monterey County
- 2.1b.(3) STIP Amendment for Notice -Amend the STIP to program \$2,829,000 from Plumas County's Unprogrammed Share Balance for 13 local roadway rehabilitation projects in Plumas County.
- 2.1b.(4) STIP Amendment for Notice - Amend the STIP to combine a Grandfathered Regional Improvement Program (GFRIP) funded oak tree landscape mitigation project on Route 30 in Los Angeles County with a related GFRIP funded landscape mitigation project on the same route
- 2.1b.(5) STIP Amendment for Notice - Amend the STIP to program \$1,647,000 from Los Angeles County's Unprogrammed Share Balance for an existing soundwall project on Route 91 in Los Angeles County replacing a like amount of Measure Funds erroneously identified as a source of funding.
- 2.1b.(7) STIP Amendment for Notice - Amend the STIP to revise the scope of an existing \$122,000 pedestrian facility project currently programmed in the Willits and Ukiah area by deleting the Ukiah portion and revising the locations in the Willits area.
- 2.1b.(8) STIP Amendment for Notice - Amend the STIP to program \$540,000 in FY 2001-02 from San Mateo County's Unprogrammed Share Balance for the SamTrans North and South Bus Maintenance Facilities project in San Mateo County.

2.5f. Information Reports on Allocations made by Caltrans Under CTC Delegated Authority

- 2.5f.(1) Six emergency condition allocations totaling \$5,220,000.
- 2.5f.(2) Nine SHOPP pavement rehabilitation allocations totaling \$38,344,000.
- 2.5f.(3) Two SHOPP safety allocations totaling \$1,636,000.
- 2.5f.(4) Nineteen local storm damage and pavement rehabilitation allocations totaling \$4,052,000.

3.2 Monthly Report on Caltrans projects voted but not awarded.

3.3 Monthly Report on Projects Amended into the SHOPP by Department Action.

1.(4) Consent Calendar

Deputy Director Robert Chung reviewed the changes to the Consent Calendar. The changes were as follows:

Item 2.4b Resolutions of Necessity #C-18209 and C-18210 were withdrawn from the Consent Calendar.

Item 2.5a Financial Allocation for Minor Projects #17 was increased from \$415,000 to \$615,000 and Projects #55 and #64 were withdrawn from the Department prior to the meeting, making the revised allocation \$36,119,950 for 75 minor projects.

The revised Consent Calendar was as follows:

- **2.1a.(1)** Amend STIP to program \$500,000 from Stanislaus County's Unprogrammed Share Balance for environmental studies on a widening project on Route 132 in San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties.
- **2.1a.(2)** Amend STIP to revise and delete the major portion of a \$9,269,000 project on Route 17 in Santa Cruz and return unexpended portion to the IIP and Santa Clara's unprogrammed balance.
- **2.1a.(3)** Amend STIP to program \$566,000 from San Benito County's Unprogrammed Share Balance for two local projects in San Benito County: \$100,000 to design a project in San Juan Bautista; and \$466,000 to fully fund construction of a \$4,900,000 Sunnyslope Drive project in Hollister.
- **2.2c.(1)** Approve Negative Declaration to modify Madison Avenue interchange on Route 80 in Sacramento County.
- **2.2c.(2)** Approve Negative Declaration to widen connector on Routes 80 and 51 in Sacramento County.
- **2.2c.(3)** Approve Negative Declaration to construct an interchange on Route 29 in Napa County.
- **2.3c.** Approve 2 Relinquishment Resolutions to turn over section of state Rt. 99 in Sutter, and Rt. 905 in San Diego.
- **2.4b.** Approve 19 Resolutions of Necessity toward condemning properties needed for state highway purposes. C-18203 through C-18208 and C-18211 through C-18223.
- **2.4c.** Approve airspace lease amendment to change assignee, extend lease for 30 years, and replace "standard condemnation" clause with a "future transportation project" clause.
- **2.4d.(1)** Approve 2 Director's Deeds to sell excess properties for \$340,000 (83% of est. market value).
- **2.4d.(2)** Approve amendment to 1 Director's Deed to change the vesting name for recordation.
- **2.5a.** Allocate \$36,119,950 from State Highway Account funds for 75 Minor Projects.
- **2.5b(2)** Allocate \$6,368,000 in State Highway Account funds for 5 SHOPP projects.
- **2.5c.** Allocate \$3,841,000 in State Highway Account funds for 4 local STIP projects.
- **2.6a.(1)** Allocate \$64,894,000 in State Highway Account funds for 10 Local STIP Rail/Transit Projects.
- **2.6a.(2)** Allocate \$8,600,000 in State Highway Account funds for 3 State STIP Intercity Rail Projects.
- **2.6b.(4)** Allocate \$675,000 from Prop. 116 for 1 Local Proposition 116 Waterborne Ferry Program Project.
- **2.9** Technical Change to Resolution FP-00-07, originally approved for \$16,600,000 on July 20, 2000, for two Local Assistance (STIP) Projects to correct funding amounts to reflect correct federal/state funding split.

Commissioner Lawrence moved to approve the Consent Calendar as changed. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Vice Chairman Hallisey was absent).

1.(5) Commission Reports

Vice Chairman Hallisey discussed the Caltrans' Quarterly Reports and suggestions for improving the Reports. During the discussion, Caltrans staff was asked to improve the Quarterly Reports regarding accounting for prior year projects.

ACTION: J. Boda

Commissioner Lindsey discussed the Rural Counties Task Force activities.

Commissioner Kellogg reported on the Public Transit Committee meeting which consisted of the following items:

1. Re-examination of Amtrak's Five-Year Plan (and Twenty-Year Plan) and Prospects for Congressional Action.
2. North Coast Railroad Authority
 - a. Report on Strategic Plan Detailing Funding Sources, Activities and Overall Project Schedule
 - b. Amend Application Approval for \$4,100,00 for Environmental Remediation
 - c. Consider Application and Allocation for \$250,000 for Administration
 - d. Consider Allocation Requests of \$1,000,000 for Repair and Upgrade Track from Willits to Arcata
3. Fuel Cell Technology

The following Action Items occurred during the Public Transit Committee meeting:

Secure copies of USDOT study documenting 5-10 fold increase in added capacity from one dollar invested in rail versus one dollar invested in highways.

ACTION: R. Chung

Return later in the year with an updated presentation on status of federal funding and the impact on the plan.

ACTION: G. Mallery

Refine NCRA Strategic Plan to provide detailed project scope, funding estimates by geographic segments, delivery schedule for re-opening the North Coast Railroad, upgrade the line to Class 2 or 3 standards, and stabilize the land for landslides.

ACTION: M. Bridges

1.(6) Business, Transportation and Housing Agency Report

John Ferrera, BT&H Assistant Secretary for Transportation, presented the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency Report.

1.(7) Caltrans Report

Caltrans Director Jeff Morales discussed the Department's energy cutting measures. He also discussed the status of the Prunedale Bypass Project and the status of Traffic Congestion Relief Program applications.

1.(8) Regional Agencies Report

Regional Agencies Moderator Debbie Hale discussed the broad and diverse roles, responsibilities, and goals and objectives of the regional agencies.

2. PROJECT BUSINESS MATTERS**2.1** Program Amendments/Project Approvals**2.1a.** STIP Amendment for Action

- 2.1a.(1)** STIP Amendment 00S-002 - Action
Programs \$500,000 from Stanislaus County's Unprogrammed Share Balance for environmental studies on a widening project on Route 132 in San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties. The Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) is requesting this amendment.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.1a.(2)** STIP Amendment 00S-003 - Action
Revises and deletes the major portion of a \$9,269,000 truck passing lane project on Route 17 in Santa Cruz County. The \$290,000 already expended on the environmental phase remains, while the unexpended portion of \$6,979,000 is returned to the Interregional Improvement Program (IIP) fund balance, and the \$2,000,000 in Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds are reverted to Santa Cruz County's Unprogrammed Share Balance. The Department and the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) are requesting this amendment.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.1a.(3)** STIP Amendment 00S-004 - Action
Programs \$566,000 from San Benito County's Unprogrammed Share Balance for two local projects in San Benito County: \$100,000 for the design of a roadside and storm drain improvement project in the City of San Juan Bautista; and a \$466,000 contribution to fully fund construction of a \$4,900,000 Sunnyslope Drive widening project in the City of Hollister. The Council of San Benito County Governments is requesting this amendment.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.1b. STIP Amendments for Notice

During discussion about the STIP Amendments for Notice, the Commission asked staff to renew the display of impacts on STIP reservations resulting from individual STIP amendments.

ACTION: S. Maller

- 2.1b.(1)** STIP Amendment 00S-005 - Notice
Programs \$4,269,000 from San Joaquin County's Unprogrammed Share Balance for ten local widening and rehabilitation projects in San Joaquin County. The San Joaquin Council of Governments is requesting this amendment.

This item was presented on the Information Calendar and noticed as required.

- 2.1b.(2)** STIP Amendment 00S-006 - Notice
Programs \$1,000,000 from Monterey County's Advance Project Development Element (APDE) for a Route 68 (Holman Highway) widening project near the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula (CHOMP) in Monterey County. The Transportation Agency for Monterey County is requesting this amendment.

This item was presented on the Information Calendar and noticed as required.

- 2.1b.(3)** STIP Amendment 00S-007 - Notice
Programs \$2,829,000 from Plumas County's Unprogrammed Share Balance for 13 local roadway rehabilitation projects in Plumas County. Two of the projects are for the environmental phase only. The Plumas County Transportation Commission is requesting this amendment.

This item was presented on the Information Calendar and noticed as required.

- 2.1b.(4)** STIP Amendment 00S-008 - Notice
Combines a Grandfathered Regional Improvement Program (GFRIP) funded oak tree landscape mitigation project on Route 30 in Los Angeles County with a related GFRIP funded landscape mitigation project on the same route. The total cost remains the same. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) is requesting this amendment.

This item was presented on the Information Calendar and noticed as required.

- 2.1b.(5)** STIP Amendment 00S-009 - Notice
Programs \$1,647,000 from Los Angeles County's Unprogrammed Share Balance for an existing soundwall project on Route 91 in Los Angeles County replacing a like amount of Measure Funds erroneously identified as a source of funding. The total cost remains \$3,071,000. The Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) is requesting this amendment.

This item was presented on the Information Calendar and noticed as required.

- 2.1b.(6)** STIP Amendment 00S-010 - Notice
Delays \$750,000 in Regional Improvement Program (RIP) and \$750,000 in Interregional Improvement Program (IIP) funds programmed for construction from FY 2001-02 to FY 2003-04 for the Devil's Slide Bypass project in San Mateo County. The total project cost remains the same. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County, and the Department are requesting this amendment.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, described the proposed STIP amendment which will be presented for approval at the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Kellogg moved to have this item placed on the March 2001 Consent Calendar. Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

- 2.1b.(7)** STIP Amendment 00S-011 - Notice
Revises the scope of an existing \$122,000 pedestrian facility project currently programmed in the Willits and Ukiah area by deleting the Ukiah portion and revising the locations in the Willits area. There is no change in total funding. The Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) is requesting this amendment.

This item was presented on the Information Calendar and noticed as required.

- 2.1b.(8)** STIP Amendment 00S-012 - Notice
Programs \$540,000 in FY 2001-02 from San Mateo County's Unprogrammed Share Balance for the SamTrans North and South Bus Maintenance Facilities project in San Mateo County. The San Mateo County Transit District and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) are requesting this amendment.

This item was presented on the Information Calendar and noticed as required.

- 2.1b.(9)** STIP Amendment 00S-013 - Notice
Programs \$750,000 from Los Angeles County's Unprogrammed Share Balance to the Fuel Cell Powered Advanced Technology Transit Bus Project. The Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) is requesting this amendment.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, described the proposed STIP amendment which will be presented for approval at the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Torres moved to have this item placed on the March 2001 Consent Calendar. Commissioner McKenna seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

2.1c. Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Program Application Approvals/Amendments

2.1c.(1) Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Application Approvals
Six Applications totaling \$30,500,000.
Resolution TA-01-03

<u>Project Number</u>	<u>(\$ X 1,000) Amount</u>	<u>Phases(s)</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	\$8,000	1	Extend BART from Fremont to Downtown San Jose in Alameda and Santa Clara Counties. <i>Lead Agency: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority</i> <i>Implementing Agency: Same</i>
6	\$1,000	Study	Major Investment Study (MIS) for cross connector freeway, Route 680 to route 880 near Warm Springs in Santa Clara County. <i>Lead Agency: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority</i> <i>Implementing Agency: Same</i>
8	\$5,000	1,2	Reconstruct Coleman Avenue Interchange near San Jose airport in Santa Clara County. <i>Lead Agency: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority</i> <i>Implementing Agency: Same</i>
93	\$7,000	Study	Complete Environmental Studies to extend Route 180 westward from Mendota to I-5 in Fresno County. <i>Lead Agency: Caltrans</i> <i>Implementing Agency: Same</i>
103	\$8,000	All	Improve interchange at Seventh Standard Road, north of Bakersfield in Kern County. <i>Lead Agency: Kern Council of Governments</i> <i>Implementing Agency: Kern County Road Department</i> <i>Advance Requested: \$300,000</i>
112	\$1,500	All	Jersey Avenue, widen from 17 th Street to 18 th Street in Kings County. <i>Lead Agency: Kings County</i> <i>Implementing Agency: Same</i>

Debbie Mah, Caltrans, presented the TCRP applications for approval.

Commissioner McKenna moved to approve the applications. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

2.1c.(2) One Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Application Approval Amendment to revise condition placed on Project #32.5 for \$100,000 for the North Coast Railroad Authority; Environmental remediation projects (Sub-paragraph (e)).
Resolution TAA-01-01, Amending Resolution TA-00-01 and Resolution TAA-01-02

Deputy Director Robert Chung presented the TCRP application amendment for approval.

Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve the Amendment. Commissioner McKenna seconded the motion which carried 7-0-1 (Vice Chairman Hallisey abstained from voting).

- 2.1c.(3) One Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Application Approval for \$8,000,000 for the Alameda Contra Costa Transit District Project #29; Buy six or more fuel cell buses and fueling facility for demonstration project in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Resolution TA-01-04

Deputy Director Robert Chung stated that the Public Transit Committee recommended approval of the TCRP application. Commissioner McKenna moved to approve the application. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

- 2.1c.(4) One Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Application Approval for \$250,000 for the North Coast Railroad Authority Project #32.1; Defray administrative costs for January 2, 2001 to June 30, 2001 (Subparagraph (a)(2)). Advance Requested: \$250,000. (Concurrent allocation under item 2.6e(2).) Resolution TA-01-05

Commissioner Kellogg moved to approve the application with the condition recommended by staff that NCRA hire a project engineer/manager to develop a strategic plan for re-opening the entire line. Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion which carried 7-0-1 (Vice Chairman Hallisey abstained from voting).

- 2.1c.(5) Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Application Amendment Approval Two Amended Applications totaling \$69,000,000. Resolution TA-01-04, Amending Resolution TA-00-01

Project Number	(\$ X 1,000) Amount	Phases(s)	Description
118	\$50,000	All	Sacramento Emergency Clean Air/Transportation Plan (SECAT); incentive for the reduction of emissions from heavy-duty diesel engines operating within the Sacramento Region. <i>Lead Agency: Sacramento Area Council of Governments</i> <i>Implementing Agency: Same</i>
119	\$19,000	4	Convert Sacramento Regional Transit bus fleet to low emission and provide Yolo bus service by the Yolo County Transportation District; acquire approximately 50 replacement low-emission buses for service in Sacramento and Yolo Counties. <i>Lead Agency: Sacramento Area Council of Governments</i> <i>Implementing Agency: Sacramento Regional Transit District/Yolo County Transportation District</i>

Debbie Mah, Caltrans, presented the two TCRP application amendments for approval.

The Commissioners discussed the projects. Linda Morshed, representing Sacramento Regional Transit District, discussed RT's plans for converting to low-emission buses.

Commissioner McKenna moved to approve the application amendments. Commissioner Kellogg seconded the motion which carried 6-0-2 (Commissioners Lawrence and Lawson abstained from voting).

2.1d. Proposition 116 – Non-Urban County Project Approvals/Amendments

No Items This Month

2.1e. Proposition 116 – Rail Project Approvals/Amendments

No Items This Month

2.2 Environmental Matters

2.2a. Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

- Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
Regional Transportation Plan Update

Chief Deputy Director Pete Hathaway discussed SCAG's Notice of Preparation of an EIR for the 2001 update of its Regional Transportation Plan.

The Commissioners discussed possible issues for consideration in the preparation of the EIR. David Yale, LACMTA staff, answered questions about projects already funded and included in the baseline. The Commissioners asked SCAG to present at the July Commission meeting in Los Angeles a status and update on the SCAG regional transportation planning process and where they stand relative to air quality conformity.

ACTION: M. Pisano

2.2b. Comments on Documents in Circulation (Draft EIR)

No Items This Month

2.2c. Approval of Projects for Future Consideration of Funding, Route Adoption or New Public Road Connection (Final Negative Declaration or EIRs)

- 2.2c.(1)** Route 80 in Sacramento County – Modify Madison Avenue Interchange in the communities of North Highlands and Foothill Farms (ND)
Resolution E-01-16

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.2c.(2)** Routes 80 and 51 in Sacramento County – Widen the westbound to southbound connector in the Route 80/51 Interchange (ND)
Resolution E-01-17

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.2c.(3)** Route 29 in Napa County – Construct an interchange at Trancas Street and Route 29 in the City of Napa (ND)
Resolution E-01-18

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.3 Highway Route Matters

2.3a. Route Adoptions

No Items This Month

2.3b. New Public Road Connections

No Items This Month

2.3c. Two Relinquishment Resolutions

- 03-Sut-99-KP 20.5/29.1 Route 99 in County of Sutter
Resolution R-3478
- 11-SD-905-PM 12.0 Route 905 in the County of San Diego
Resolution R-3479

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.3d. Vacation Resolutions

No Items This Month

2.4 Highway Right of Way Matters

2.4a. Resolution of Necessity – Appearance

No Items This Month

2.4b. 19 Resolutions of Necessity
C-18203 through C-18208
C-18211 through C-18223

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.4c. Airspace Lease Direct Negotiations

- Airspace Lease Amendment – Ravel Properties

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.4d. Director's Deeds

- 2.4d.(1)** Item #1 and #2
Excess Lands – Return to State: \$340,000
Return to Others: \$0

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.4d.(2)** Item #3
Excess Lands – Return to State: \$0
Return to Others: \$0

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.5 Highway Financial Matters

- 2.5a.** Financial Allocation for 75 Minor Projects totaling \$36,119,950
Resolution FP-00-60

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.5b. Financial Allocation for STIP/SHOPP/TEA Projects On the State Highway System

- 2.5b.(1)** Three STIP Projects totaling \$47,912,000.
Resolution FP-00-61

Commissioner McKenna moved to approve the allocation. Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

- 2.5b.(2)** Five SHOPP Projects totaling \$6,368,000.
Resolution FP-00-62

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5b.(3)** One SHOPP Project Amended into the SHOPP
by Department Action for \$840,000.
Resolution FP-00-63

Commissioner McKenna moved to approve the allocation. Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

- 2.5c.** Financial Allocation for Four Local Assistance STIP Projects Off the State
Highway System totaling \$3,841,000 plus \$1,078,000 from other sources.
Resolution FP-00-64

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5d.** Financial Allocation for SHOPP Projects with Costs Greater than 120 Percent of Program Amount – One Project totaling \$3,485,000
Resolution FP-00-65
- 02-TEH-5 – STIP Project Near Red Bluff, Adobe Road interchange from the Sacramento River Bridge to south of Dibble Creek Bridge. Construct two ramps. Current programmed value of \$2,035,000 and current estimate of \$3,485,000, for a 71 percent increase over programmed amount.

This item was withdrawn by Caltrans prior to the meeting.

- 2.5e.** Financial Allocation for Supplemental Funds for Previously Voted Projects
Two Projects for \$2,696,000.
Resolution FA-00-07
- 06-KER-5,99 – SHOPP Project in Lebec at the Los Angeles County Line to 1.9 miles north of Posco Creek . Original vote \$6,800,000. Current allocation \$1,729,000. This request of \$1,729,000 for an on-going project, for a grand total of \$8,529,000, a 26 percent increase over the vote amount.
 - 09-INY-5716 – SHOPP Project in Shoshone at the Shoshone Maintenance Station. Original vote \$2,125,000. Current allocation \$967,000. This request of \$967,000 for an on-going project, for a grand total of \$3,092,000, a 46 percent increase over the vote amount.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, described the projects and explained why supplemental funds were required.

After discussion, Commissioner Lawson moved to approve the allocation. Commissioner Kellogg seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

2.5f. Information Report on Allocations Under Delegated Authority

- 2.5f.(1)** Emergency: G-11 Allocations
Six Projects totaling \$5,220,000.

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

- 2.5f.(2)** SHOPP Rehabilitation: G-00-10 Allocations
Nine Projects totaling \$38,344,000.

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

- 2.5f.(3)** SHOPP Safety: G-00-10 Allocations
Two Projects totaling \$1,636,000.

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

- 2.5f.(4)** Local Assistance Allocations for Local Storm Damage and Local Street and Road Pavement Rehabilitation: G-99-09 Allocations 19 Projects totaling \$4,052,000.

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

2.6 Mass Transportation Financial Matters

2.6a. Financial Allocation for STIP Rail/Transit Projects

- 2.6a.(1)** Ten Local STIP Rail/Transit Projects for \$64,894,000. Resolution MFP-00-14

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.6a.(2)** Three State STIP Intercity Rail Projects for \$8,600,000. Resolution MFP-00-15

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.6b. Financial Allocation for Proposition 116 Program Projects

2.6b.(1) Local Proposition 116 Rail Program Projects

No Items This Month

2.6b.(2) State Proposition 116 Rail Program Projects

No Items This Month

2.6b.(3) Local Proposition 116 Non-Urban County Project

No Items This Month

- 2.6b.(4)** One Local Proposition 116 Waterborne Ferry Program Project for \$675,000 Resolution BFP-00-09

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.6c. Proposition 116 Allocation Amendments

No Items This Month

2.6d. Project Allocation Amendments

No Items This Month

2.6e. Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Project Allocations

- 2.6e.(1)** \$1,000,000 for the North Coast Railroad Authority Project #32.3; Repair and upgrade track from Willits to Arcata (Sub-paragraph (c)). Resolution TFP-01-02

This item was deferred for consideration at a future meeting.

- 2.6e.(2)** \$250,000 for the North Coast Railroad Authority Project #32.1; Defray Administrative Costs (Sub-paragraph (a)(2)). Resolution TFP-01-03

Deputy Director Robert Chung described the project and recommended approval of the allocation.

Commissioner Kellogg moved to approve the allocation. Commissioner McKenna seconded the motion which carried 7-0-1 (Vice Chairman Hallisey abstained from voting).

- 2.6f.** Informational Report on Delegated Allocations for Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Program Projects, per Resolution G-00-23. Eight Project Allocations totaling \$43,637,000.

Debbie Mah, Caltrans, reported on the delegated allocations for the Traffic Congestion Relief Program. The Commission requested that she report on the TCRP allocations that have not moved ahead within six months or more following the allocation.

ACTION: D. Mah

2.7 Aeronautics Financial Matters

No Items This Month

2.8 Time Extension Requests per CTC Resolution G-00-20, STIP Guidelines, Section 65 – Timely Use of Funds / Proposition 116 Waiver Requests / Miscellaneous Requests**2.8a.** Request to Extend the Period of Project Allocation

No Items This Month

- 2.8b.** Request to Extend the Period of Contract Award for five local STIP projects totaling of \$1,104,000. Waiver-01-05

Deputy Director Stephen Maller presented contract award extension requests for five STIP projects and recommended denial for the Hermosa Beach and Sierra Madre extensions and approval for the Santa Monica, Monterey Park and Santa Fe Springs extensions. David Yale, LACMTA's representative requested that the Commission postpone action on the Hermosa Beach and Sierra Madre extension requests until the next meeting so representatives of the cities could address the Commission.

The Commissioners discussed the extension requests. Commissioner Torres moved to approve the Santa Monica, Monterey Park and Santa Fe Springs extensions and to deny the Hermosa Beach and Sierra Madre

extension requests. Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion which carried 6-2 (Commissioners Kozberg and McKenna both voted no).

2.8c. Request to Extend the Period of Project Completion

No Items This Month

2.8d. Request to Extend the Period of Project Reimbursement

No Items This Month

2.8e. Request for Waiver to Resolution G-99-25, Commission's Guidelines for Allocating, Monitoring, and Auditing of Funds for Local Assistance Projects

No Items This Month

2.9 Technical Changes to Previously Approved Resolutions/Actions

- Resolution FP-00-07, originally approved for \$16,600,000 on July 20, 2000, for two Local Assistance (STIP) Projects on the State Highway System. Funding lines and the federal/state funding split are being corrected. This technical correction will ensure that reimbursements can be made to San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG).

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

3. PROGRAM STATUS

3.1 Caltrans Monthly FY 2000-2001 Finance Report

Rick Terry, Caltrans, presented the Monthly Finance Report, noting the State Highway Account cash balance at \$1.4 billion (down 13% since October), the Public Transit Account balance at \$150 million, and the Traffic Congestion Relief Fund balance at \$350 million.

3.2 Monthly Report on Status of Projects Previously Voted but not Awarded

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

3.3 Monthly Report on Projects Amended into the SHOPP by Department Action

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

3.4 Local Assistance and Subvention Budget Items

Norma Ortega, Caltrans, discussed the status of local assistance lump sum allocations and unobligated SMAQ and RSTP balances.

The following action items occurred during discussion of this item:

- Prepare a letter for Chairman Kozberg's signature to Butte and Tulare Counties regarding AB 1012 timely use of funds.

ACTION: D. Brewer

- Provide glossary for terms on charts and in future provide greater definition of acronyms in those charts.

ACTION: J. Nicholas

- Incorporate into the draft Rail Passenger Development Plan Report, for presentation at the October Commission Meeting, a comparison of the projected growth by mode over the plan period and percentage change in intercity rail trips compared to the trips by mode over the plan period.

ACTION: W. Weber

3.5 Caltrans Quarterly Report

Jack Boda and Warren Weber, Caltrans, presented the second quarterly report for FY 2000/2001.

Please see Item 1.5 Commission Reports for Vice Chairman Hallisey's suggestions for improving the quarterly report.

4. POLICY MATTERS

4.1 State Legislative Matters*

- Status of Bills
 - AB 37 (Strickland) – Sales Tax Exemption for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel
 - SB 124 (Johnson) – Property Transfer in Newport Beach

Deputy Director Chuck Oldham summarized AB 37 (Strickland) – Sales Tax Exemption for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel and recommended the Commission adopt an “oppose” position. Commissioner Lawrence moved to adopt an oppose position and send an opposition letter to the author. Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion, which carried 8-0.

ACTION: C. Oldham

Deputy Director Chuck Oldham summarized SB 124 (Johnson) – Property Transfer in Newport Beach and recommended an oppose position. Commissioner Kellogg moved to adopt an oppose position and send an opposition letter to the author. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion which carried 8-0. Further, staff was directed to secure a letter from the Chairman of the Airspace Advisory Committee recounting their concerns and recommendations regarding the Newport Beach property sale to include with the opposition letter on SB 124.

ACTION: C. Oldham/K. Jacobs

During the discussion of state legislative matters, staff was directed to utilize the Executive Committee for considering possible proposed bills in the future.

ACTION: R. Remen/C. Oldham

4.2 Re-approval of Caltrans STIP/Local Assistance Delegation and Caltrans Right of Way Delegations

- Project Development Components of Local Grant Projects
Resolution G-01-03 Replacing Resolution G-99-22
- Local Streets and Roads Pavement Rehabilitation Projects
Resolution G-01-04 Replacing Resolution G-99-09
- RSTP/CMAQ Match Reserves
Resolution G-01-05 Replacing Resolution G-98-25
- Planning, Programming and Monitoring Activities
Resolution G-01-06 Replacing Resolution G-98-18
- Rideshare Projects
Resolution G-01-07 Replacing Resolution G-98-24
- Sub-Allocation and Adjustment of Local Assistance Grant Projects
Resolution G-01-08 Replacing Resolution G-88-1
- Sub-Allocation and Adjustment of Right-of-Way Projects
Resolution G-01-09 Replacing Resolution G-91-1
- Policy for Allocation of Capital Support Funding for Local Grant Programs
Resolution G-01-10 Canceling Resolution G-95-05

Deputy Director Stephen Maller summarized the revised delegation resolutions. Dean Delgado, RTPA Vice Moderator, requested that language requiring regional agency approval for advance allocations be dropped and that projects ready to implement two years early be included in the delegations. Mr. Delgado also requested that new delegations for right-of-way and construction allocations be created.

The Commissioners discussed the revised delegations. Commissioner McKenna moved to approve the delegations as recommended by staff and include the RTPA modification for regional agency approval language deletion and two year early advancements. Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

4.3 Adoption of Guidelines for Traffic Congestion Relief Act Exchange Program
Resolution G-01-11

Deputy Director Robert Chung presented the draft guidelines for the TCRP Exchange Program.

The Commissioners reviewed the guidelines and asked staff to report back informing Commissioners of resolution regarding the term "progress" in the guidelines and how projects in the TCRP Exchange Program are progressing.

ACTION: R. Chung

Commissioner McKenna moved to approve the guidelines. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

4.4 Workshop on Environmental Streamlining – Part II

4.4a. CTC Staff Presentation

Chief Deputy Director Pete Hathaway discussed the environmental process and recommendations for streamlining it.

4.4b. Federal Highway Administration and State and Federal Environmental Agency Responses

The following individuals participated in the Workshop on Environmental Streamlining:

- John Ferrera, Business Transportation & Housing Agency
- William Vance, California Environmental Protection Agency
- Michael Sweeney, Resources Agency
- Mike Ritchie, Federal Highway Administration
- Dennis Scovill, Federal Highway Administration
- Michael Finan, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Michael Spear, U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Messrs. Ferrera, Sweeney, and Vance reported an agreement completed that week among the three agencies, to integrate environmental objectives with transportation development and ensure timely planning and review. The three agencies would be designing implementation steps next, to carry out the agreement within departments. Commissioner Lawrence asked for progress reports, and Mr. Ferrera agreed to do this as part of the BT&H Agency report.

Mr. Ritchie explained FHWA's dual role as the state's partner in carrying out federal programs and overseer of the federal interest. He noted that many streamlining actions are being implemented, via interagency agreements at the national level, but environmental agencies are using transportation programs as a way to get at impacts from sprawl development. He and Mr. Scovill then answered a series of questions from Commissioners.

Mr. Finan explained the Corps' responsibility for clean water requirements, noting that it tries to get involved early but is required by EPA regulations to seek to avoid impacts as a first option. Commissioners discussed the division of permit authority between the Corps and state water quality boards.

Mr. Spear explained the Fish & Wildlife Service's responsibilities to preserve endangered species. He noted that California is home to more than 300 rare species threatened by growth, sprawl, and loss of habitat, praised the integrated planning approach being done in Riverside County and followed in other areas, and said his agency rarely stopped transportation projects but often delayed them to ensure time to consider different alternatives.

The Commissioners discussed the information as it was presented and asked staff to send a letter to each presenter reiterating the Commission's request to prepare an independent 2-3 page memo laying out their agency's suggestions to streamline the environmental process.

ACTION: P. Hathaway

Nancy Jewell Cross, citizen, spoke about the importance of local consensus on projects, and asked the Commission to pursue it where Caltrans fails to reach it.

4.5 Agreements with Public Entities to Use Airspace for Mass Transit Facilities
Resolution G-01-12

David Cabrera, Caltrans, presented the resolution which delegates to Caltrans the authority to lease Caltrans properties for mass transit facilities at or above market rates. He clarified that any below-market rates should be reviewed by the Airspace Committee and acted upon by the Commission.

The Commissioners discussed the use of airspace for mass transit facilities and asked staff to present at a future Commission meeting the draft guidelines on "Public Entities Use of Airspace for Mass Transit Facilities".

ACTION: K. Jacobs

Commissioner Torres moved to approve the resolution. Vice Chairman Hallisey seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

4.6 2000 Excellence in Transportation Facilities Awards

Jack Boda, Caltrans, presented information on the 2000 Excellence in Transportation Awards for design, construction, technology, and transportation system operation. The Commissioners asked staff to secure from Caltrans a list of appropriate recipients for letters of commendation from Chairman Kozberg in recognition of their achievement.

ACTION: P. Lowry

4.7 Comments – Draft Public Participation Program and Draft California Transportation Plan Elements

Chief Deputy Director Pete Hathaway and Joan Sollenberger, Caltrans, discussed the draft California Transportation Plan Elements and Public Participation Program. Ms. Sollenberger described how they were developed and how Caltrans intended to use them, and invited comments by March 2, 2001. She said the Commission would have several opportunities to review the plan itself as it was being put together. Dean Delgado, regional vice-moderator, said the regions support this new plan effort. The Commissioners asked several questions but took no action on this item.

4.8 Status Report and Revised Schedule for Prunedale Bypass

Jay Walters, Caltrans, discussed the status of the Route 101 Prunedale Bypass project. The Commission asked him to report again on the project's status. A written report will be provided to Commissioners in July, with possible scheduling for the August Commission meeting, as then seems appropriate.

ACTION: J. Walters

4.9 Report on Regional Agencies Energy Conservation Efforts

Regional Agencies Vice Moderator Dean Delgado presented an overview of the Regional Agencies Energy Conservation Efforts.

4.10 Annual Review of the Rate for Local Government Matching of California Aid to Airports Program (CAAP) Grants

Deputy Director Chuck Oldham and Mike Farmer, Caltrans Aeronautics, discussed the statutory requirements for this program, and, as reviewed and recommended by TACA, recommended a 10% match rate.

Commissioner Kellogg moved to approve the 10% match rate and to place this matter on the March Consent Calendar. Commissioner McKenna seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

4.11 Technical Adjustment to the 2000 STIP
Resolution G-01-02 Amending Resolution G-00-32

Deputy Director David Brewer reviewed the technical changes to 2000 STIP and recommended approval.

Commissioner Kellogg moved to approve the changes. Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion which carried 8-0.

5. MODAL ISSUES

5.1 Rail

No Items This Month

5.2 Highways

No Items This Month

5.3 Transit

No Items This Month

6. OTHER MATTERS

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Robert I. Remen, Executive Director

STATUS OF ACTION ITEMS
from
February 21-22, 2001 - CTC Meeting

- PTC1 Robert Chung – Secure copies of USDOT study documenting 5-10 fold increase in added capacity from one dollar invested in rail versus one dollar invested in highways.
- **Staff has requested study from Amtrak.**
- PTC1 Gil Mallery (Amtrak) – Return later in the year with an updated presentation on status of federal funding and the impact on the plan. (*Future Agenda Item*)
- **An updated presentation will be scheduled at a Commission meeting later this year.**
- PTC1 Max Bridges (NCRA) – Refine NCRA Strategic Plan to provide detailed project scope, funding estimates by geographic segments, and schedule for delivery for the re-opening of the North Coast Railroad upgrade line to Class 2 or 3 standards; stabilize the land for landslides.
- **NCRA is working this and will report back at a future Commission meeting.**
- 1.(2) Jack Boda – Improve Quarterly Reports regarding accounting for prior year projects.
- **This will be done routinely starting with the next Quarterly Report.**
- 2.1b Stephen Maller – Identify impact on STIP reservations from individual STIP amendments.
- **This has been done.**
- 2.1c(5) Robert Chung/Debbie Mah – Report back on expected timing of applications for the remaining 40% of TCR Program projects.
- **This is being surveyed and will be reported on at a future Commission meeting.**
- 2.2a Mark Pisano (SCAG) – Present at July Commission meeting, status and update of SCAG's regional transportation plan and its relationship to air quality conformity. (*July CTC Meeting*)
- **This will be reported on at July 2001 Commission meeting.**
- 2.6f Debbie Mah – Report on TCRP allocations that have not moved ahead within 6 months of allocation.
- **This will be reported monthly commencing with the May Commission meeting.**
- 3.4 David Brewer – Prepare letter for Chairman Kozberg's signature to Butte and Tulare Counties regarding AB 1012 timely use of funds.
- **This has been done.**
- 3.4 Jim Nicholas – Provide glossary for terms on charts; better define acronyms on charts.
- **This will be done in future reports.**

- 3.4 Warren Weber – Incorporate into draft 2002 Rail Passenger Development Plan Report, a comparison of projected growth by mode over the plan period and percentage change in intercity rail trips compared to total trips by all modes in that period. (*October CTC Meeting*)
- **This will be incorporated in Rail Passenger Development Plan Report and a presentation will be made at October Commission meeting.**
- 4.1 Chuck Oldham – Prepare opposition letters on SB 124 (Johnson) and AB 37 (Strickland) for Chairman Kozberg’s signature and transmit to bill authors.
- **This has been done.**
- 4.1 Kathie Jacobs – Secure letter from Airspace Advisory Committee recounting their concerns and recommendations re: Newport Beach property sale; attach to opposition letter on SB 124.
- **This has been done.**
- 4.1 Robert Remen/Chuck Oldham – Utilize Executive Committee for considering possible positions on proposed bills in the future.
- **This will be done each month starting with May Commission meeting.**
- 4.3 Robert Chung – Report back informing Commissioners of resolution regarding the term “progress” in the guidelines and how projects in the TCRP Exchange Program are progressing.
- **This will be done at a future Commission meeting.**
- 4.4b Pete Hathaway – Send letter to each presenter reiterating Commission’s request to prepare an independent 2-3 page memo on what can be done to streamline the environmental process.
- **This will be done prior to the March Commission meeting.**
- 4.5 Kathie Jacobs – Present at future Commission meeting draft guidelines on “Public Entities Use of Airspace for Mass Transit Facilities”. (*Future Agenda Item*)
- **This item will be discussed at March RTPA meeting and maybe at May CTC agenda.**
- 4.6 Patti Lowry – Secure from Caltrans a list of appropriate recipients for letters of commendation from Chairman Kozberg in recognition of 2000 Excellence in Transportation Facilities Awards.
- **This has been done.**
- 4.6 Jim Nicholas – Schedule presentation on soundwall program at future Commission meeting.
- **Soundwall aesthetics will be discussed under Item 4.7 at March Commission meeting.**
- 4.8 Jay Walters – Provide Commissioners with written status report on Prunedale Bypass in July to allow Commissioners determine if it should be scheduled for August Commission meeting.
- **Status report will be distributed in July; a presentation may be scheduled for August.**