

# Memorandum

**To:** Chair and Commissioners

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Executive Director

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Information**

**Ref:** Monthly Report on Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee Activity

**Summary:** The following is a progress report on selected construction contracts for the San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge Seismic Retrofit project and the September 4, 2008, Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee (TBPOC) meeting:

Self Anchored Suspension (SAS) contract –

- On September 8<sup>th</sup> American Bridge-Fluor (ABF), the prime contractor and the Department's team China met in Shanghai and devised an action plan to repair occasionally occurring deck panel tack weld imperfections and agreed upon a set of acceptance criteria for the already produced deck panels. In addition, a modified tack weld procedure is being tested to see if the tack weld imperfections can be avoided during the production of the remaining deck panels.
- With the repair and acceptance criteria now in place, the deck panel fabrication schedule will be reassessed to see if any delay caused by the tack weld issue can be mitigated.
- Deck panel production is not on the critical path for bridge completion and these new repair and acceptance criteria will ensure deck panel production stays off the critical path.

Yerba Buena Island (YBI) Detour –

- A meeting to discuss a preliminary target date for the roll-out/roll-in of the east tie-in segment has been scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup> between the Department and detour contractor CC Myers. The roll-out/roll-in will take place in the fall of 2009.

September 4<sup>th</sup> TBPOC meeting –

- The main item on the TBPOC's agenda was a detailed discussion of the deck panel tack weld issue. The TBPOC asked staff to resolve the matter responsibly and quickly to avoid any further deck panel fabrication delay.
- A meeting to resolve the issue was scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup>. (See outcome above, under the SAS contract discussion.)

**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.