

MINUTES

TELECONFERENCE MEETING CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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February 10, 2009

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

9:30 a.m.

Teleconference Locations:

**California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, 2nd Floor
Commission Conference Room
Sacramento, California**

**Department of Transportation
District 10 Office
1976 E. Charter Way, ~~Room 53/66~~ Room 162
Stockton, California**

**Department of Transportation
District 4 Office
111 Grand Avenue, 15th Floor
Executive Conference Room
Oakland, California**

**Silicon Valley Leadership Group
Conference Room
224 Airport Parkway, Suite 620
San Jose, California**

**Department of Transportation
District 12 Office
3337 Michelson Drive, 4th Floor Executive
Suite Conference Room D4-188
Irvine, California**

**Riverside County Transportation Commission
County of Riverside Administration Center
4080 Lemon Street, 4th Floor
Conference Room 4C
Riverside, California**

**City of Glendale Public Works Department
633 East Broadway, Suite 209
Glendale, California**

**San Diego Association of Governments
401 B Street, Suite 800
Conference Room 8A
San Diego, California**

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GENERAL BUSINESS					
1	Roll Call		John Chalker	I	C

VICE CHAIR BOB ALVARADO	Absent
CHAIR JOHN CHALKER	
COMMISSIONER LUCETTA DUNN	
COMMISSIONER JAMES EARP	Absent
COMMISSIONER DARIO FROMMER	Joined during Item 3
COMMISSIONER JAMES GHIEMMETTI	
COMMISSIONER CARL GUARDINO	
COMMISSIONER R. KIRK LINDSEY	
COMMISSIONER PHILLIP H. TAGAMI	Absent
COMMISSIONER JOSEPH TAVAGLIONE	
COMMISSIONER LARRY ZARIAN	
TOTAL	Present: 8 Absent: 3
Senator Alan S. Lowenthal, Ex-Officio	Absent
Assembly Member Mike Eng, Ex-Officio	Absent

POLICY MATTERS					
2	Cash Management Strategies for On-going Proposition 1B Construction Contracts		John Barna	A	C

CTC Executive Director John Barna presented this item. He asked that the Commission approve staff recommendations as outlined in the book item regarding Proposition 1B funding uncertainty and the resulting impact on ongoing construction projects.

Caltrans Director Will Kempton stated the Department's support of staff's recommendations as outlined. He also noted the presence of two Assembly members in Sacramento, Kevin Jeffries and Martin Garrett.

Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve the item. Commissioner Tavaglione seconded the motion.

CTC meeting staff support Jennifer Waldon called the roll for the vote.

The motion was carried 7-0. (Commissioners Alvarado, Earp, Frommer, and Tagami were absent.)

PROJECT BUSINESS MATTERS					
Program/Project Amendments/Approvals for Notice					
3	The Department and the San Diego Association of Governments propose to amend the 2008 STIP to combine the Route 52 Widening project (PPNO 0260), the Route 52 Interchange project (PPNO 0260G), and the Route 52 Cuyamaca to Route 67 project (PPNO 0260H) into one corridor project. STIP Amendment 08S-013		Maura Twomey Rachel Falsetti	I	D

CTC Deputy Director Mitchell Weiss presented this item and noted changes to the agenda language as detailed in the change list. He explained that the Department recommends the Commission make exceptions on a limited basis to Section 67 of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines that state that the Commission will not amend the STIP to change the programming of any funds after they have been allocated. This policy change would be subject to action at the March 2009 Commission meeting.

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Commissioners expressed concern about policy changes and the possibility of setting precedence, possible money loss, and suspension of construction contracts.

Public speaker Max Frazier of San Diego explained that he was experiencing difficult financial times as a business owner and urged the Commissioners to adopt SANDAG's proposal.

Public speaker Dennis Cox, a contractor in the San Diego area, voiced the same concerns as Mr. Frazier.

Assembly member Kevin Jeffries recognized the difficult financial situation throughout California and expressed his support for solutions.

Chair Chalker and Executive Director Barna agreed that staff would revise the proposal to minimize the precedence-setting nature while still recognizing the extraordinary financial circumstances affecting the state.

ACTION: Commission staff to provide a revised proposal for action at the March 2009 Commission Meeting to minimize the precedent-setting nature while still recognizing the financial circumstances.

4	The Department and the San Diego Association of Governments propose to amend the 2008 STIP and the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund program to combine the Route 905 Otay Mesa - Phase 1A project (PPNO 0374K) and the Route 905 Otay Mesa - Phase 1B project (PPNO 0703) into one corridor project. Resolution TCIF-PA-0809- 06 STIP Amendment 08S- 014		Maura Twomey Rachel Falsetti	I D
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CTC Deputy Director Mitchell Weiss presented this informational item. He clarified the proposal details for Commissioners Lindsey and Dunn, indicating that Caltrans intended to fund Phase 1B of the 905 project.

Commissioner Ghielmetti raised concerns about over-programming of TCIF funds, but was assured by Director Kempton that the federal stimulus would still be used for its original intent. He explained that the stimulus funds would relieve the Department of a commitment to fund \$94 million in the future. Chair Chalker added that Phase 1B of the project had not yet begun construction, so the project was still eligible to receive stimulus funds.

Proposition 1B CMIA Program Amendments				
5	The Department and the San Diego Association of Governments propose to amend the CMIA baseline agreement to combine the Route 15 Managed Lanes - South Segment project (PPNO 1672G) with a Route 15 Managed Lanes – North Segment project (PPNO 0672F). The amendment will also document CMIA funding for each of the resulting contracts and remove the landscape projects from the baseline agreement. Resolution CMIA-PA-0809- 013		Maura Twomey Rachel Falsetti	A D

CTC Deputy Director Maura Twomey presented this item. She stated that Commission staff supported combining the north and south segments, which would require a Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) program amendment and a project baseline amendment. Ms. Twomey noted that Commission approval would be contingent on the Federal Highway Administration's approval of placing federal funds on the Route 15 South Segment.

Commissioner Dunn asked what would happen to the savings after being placed in a CMIA reserve. Ms. Twomey explained that the savings would be deallocated and placed into a reserve for the specific project until its completion. Commissioner Dunn then asked when action was expected on Federal Highway Administration approval, and Gary Gallegos, SANDAG Executive Director and Pedro Orzo, Caltrans District 11 District Director replied that approval was expected in roughly two weeks.

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Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve the item. Commissioner Tavaglione seconded the motion.

CTC meeting staff support Jennifer Waldon called the roll for the vote.

The motion was carried 8-0. (Commissioners Alvarado, Earp, and Tagami were absent.)

Proposition 1B CMIA Project Allocations					
6	Financial Allocation Amendment (2.5g.(1a)): De-allocate a total of \$49,634,000 from the Route 15 Managed Lane Project – South Segment, Unit 1. Resolution CMIA-AA-0809- 002 , Amending Resolution CMIA-A-0708-007, as technically corrected December 11, 2008.		Maura Twomey Rachel Falsetti	A	D

CTC Deputy Director Maura Twomey presented this item and recommended approval. There were no questions or comments made by Commissioners or the public.

Commissioner Zarian moved to approve the item. Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion.

CTC meeting staff support Jennifer Waldon called the roll for the vote.

The motion was carried 8-0. (Commissioners Alvarado, Earp, and Tagami were absent.)

7	Financial Allocation Amendment (2.5g.(1b)): De-allocate a total of \$61,818,000 from the Route 15 Managed Lane Project – South Segment, Unit 2. Resolution CMIA-AA-0809- 003 , Amending Resolution CMIA-A-0708-010, as technically corrected December 11, 2008.		Maura Twomey Rachel Falsetti	A	D
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CTC Deputy Director Maura Twomey presented this item in a group including items 7-9. She noted corrections to items 8 and 9 as noted on the change list. She recommended approval of all three items. There were no questions or comments from Commissioners or the public.

Commissioner Tavaglione moved to approve items 7-9. Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion.

CTC meeting staff support Jennifer Waldon called the roll for the vote.

The motion was carried 8-0. (Commissioners Alvarado, Earp, and Tagami were absent.)

8	Financial Allocation Amendment (2.5g.(1c)): De-allocate a total of \$37,474,000 from the Route 15 Managed Lane Project – South Segment, Unit 3. Resolution CMIA-AA-0809- 004 , Amending Resolution CMIA-A-0708- 001 , as technically corrected December 11, 2008.		Maura Twomey Rachel Falsetti	A	D
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CTC Deputy Director Maura Twomey presented this item in a group including items 7-9, which were all approved.

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9	Financial Allocation (2.5g.(1d)): \$80,000,000 for two Route 15 Managed Lane projects in San Diego, as follows: -- \$56,937,000 for the North Segment, Unit 1, and -- \$23,063,000 for the North Segment, Unit 2. Resolution CMIA-A-0809-__		Maura Twomey Rachel Falsetti	A	D

CTC Deputy Director Maura Twomey presented this item in a group including items 7-9, which were all approved.

	PUBLIC COMMENT
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There were no additional comments made.

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Chair Chalker adjourned the teleconference meeting at 11:00 am.

Original signed 2/26/09

JOHN F. BARNA, JR., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR