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**Subject:** ADMINISTRATIVE DRAFT OF THE CALIFORNIA FREIGHT MOBILITY PLAN

The California Department of Transportation (Department) will be presenting a discussion regarding the Administrative Draft of the California Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP), the CFMP's delivery schedule, and associated Public Workshops at the May 21, 2014 California Transportation Commission (Commission) Meeting.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Department, under delegation from the California State Transportation Agency, using the guidelines provided through Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21) and requirements of Assembly Bill (AB) 14 (Lowenthal, 2013), has been developing the CFMP. AB 14 requires the preparation of a State freight plan that is consistent with MAP-21's freight guidelines and further requires the plan to be completed by December 31, 2014. Both MAP-21 and AB 14 call for the creation of a State freight advisory committee, with AB 14 further specifying that certain agencies, including the Commission, be included as members on the committee. The resulting committee, known as the California Freight Advisory Committee (CFAC), has been meeting periodically for over a year and met most recently on May 14, 2014 in Sacramento. Similar to the Commission's meetings, CFAC meetings are held in various cities and are webcast.

The Department recently released the "Administrative Draft California State Mobility Plan" for review and comment by the CFAC. After addressing comments received in response to the Administrative Draft, the Department will prepare a Public Review Draft CFMP that is scheduled for release on June 16, 2014. This will begin a 45-day public comment period regarding the Public Review Draft CFMP, including eight public workshops to be held in various locations throughout the State. The Department will then revise the Public Review Draft CSMP based on comments received during the 45-day review period and will produce the Final Draft CSMP for review by the CFAC. The Department will address comments provided by the CFAC and anticipates completing the Final CFMP in late October or early November 2014.

## **SUMMARY:**

Working with CFAC members and stakeholders, a CFMP Vision Statement and six goals were developed. The Vision Statement is consistent with the new Mission Statement recently adopted by The Department and the CFMP Goals are consistent with the six goals listed in the National Freight Policy.

Additionally, the Administrative Draft is consistent with the recommended content and organizational structure recommended by MAP-21 and the associated freight plan guidelines.

## **CFMP VISION**

As the national gateway for international trade and domestic commerce, California enhances economic competitiveness by collaboratively developing and operating an integrated, multimodal freight transportation system that provides safe, sustainable freight mobility. This system facilitates the reliable and efficient movement of freight and people while ensuring a prosperous economy, social equity, and human and environmental health.

## **CFMP GOALS**

- 1. Economic Competitiveness:** Improve the contribution of the California freight transportation system to support economic efficiency, productivity, and competitiveness.
- 2. Safety and Security:** Improve the safety, security, and resilience of the freight transportation system.
- 3. Freight System Infrastructure Preservation:** Improve the state of good repair of the freight transportation system.
- 4. Environmental Stewardship:** Avoid and reduce adverse environmental and community impacts of the freight transportation system.
- 5. Congestion Relief:** Reduce costs to users by minimizing congestion on the freight transportation system.
- 6. Innovative Technology and Practices:** Use innovative technology and practices to operate, maintain, and optimize the efficiency of the freight transportation system while reducing its environmental and community impacts.

The Administrative Draft CFMP is comprised of three primary sections that include topic specific chapters. There are also numerous regional, modal, and topical fact sheets to provide more detailed information about specific issues.

The three sections are:

- 1. Policies, Strategies, and Implementation**
- 2. Freight System Assets, Condition, Performance, and Forecast**
- 3. Context of Freight Issues in California**

In addition, the Department will provide a freight project list that draws from Regional Transportation Plans and when complete, the list will identify how the projects align with the six goals of the CFMP.