

Memorandum

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CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Information Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF THE 2015 INTERREGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC PLAN**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation's (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission approve the 2015 Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan (ITSP) as well as permit the Department authority to make any changes as it relates and addresses non-substantive errors.

BACKGROUND:

The Department prepared the first ITSP in 1998 in response to the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 45 (Kopp, 1997). Senate Bill 45 significantly restructured the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), requiring 25 percent of STIP funds be used for projects identified in an Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP), and 75 percent of STIP funds be used for projects included in Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (RTIP).

The Department last prepared an update to the ITSP in 2013, and the Commission commented on that update in a letter dated March 5, 2013. However since that time, SB 486 (DeSaulnier, 2014), was enacted requiring the Department to prepare and submit the ITSP to the Commission for approval by June 30, 2015.

As required by SB 486, the ITSP is to be directed at achieving a high functioning and balanced interregional transportation system, as well as inform development of the ITIP for programming in the STIP. The ITSP should identify statewide priorities and the criteria to be used in selecting projects for funding.

The 2015 ITSP was developed in coordination with many individuals and agencies over the last year and a half. The coordination included working with internal Department divisions and districts; local and regional agencies; Commission Staff; the California State Transportation Agency; and the public. A draft plan was circulated for public comment in May and June of 2015 and the comments received were integrated into the plan, including the recommendations from the Commission comment letter dated June 2, 2015.

The Final 2015 ITSP is a comprehensive multimodal interregional transportation plan that addresses requirements of recent legislation (Assembly Bill 32, SB 375, and SB 391) and Executive Orders (B-30-15 and B-32-15) and will continue to provide direction for the programming of the ITIP. The 2015 ITSP redefines how we look at the interregional transportation system by analyzing the system through Strategic Interregional Corridors that facilitate multimodal interregional travel that interacts with local regional travel.

The ITSP submitted to the CTC on June 30, 2015 can be found at the following link:

http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/omsp/system_planning/docs/Final_2015_ITSP.pdf

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