

# CALIFORNIA'S REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCIES

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**Wednesday, July 13, 2005**  
**10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**  
**SANDAG 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room**  
**401 B St., San Diego CA**

## FINAL AGENDA

1.	Introductions, Announcements		All	3 minutes
2.	Approval of Minutes from May 2005 Meeting		Steve VanDenburgh	2 minutes
3.	Highlights of Adopted of State Budget		Mark Watts\David Brewer	5 minutes
3.	Caltrans Monthly Finance Report – Cash Flow	Book Item 3.1	Norma Ortega	5 minutes
4.	2005-06 STIP\SHOP Allocation Plan Criteria	Book Item 4.13	David Brewer	20 minutes
5.	2005-06 TCRP Allocation Plan & Criteria	Book Item 4.14	Ross Chittenden	10 Minutes
6.	Draft 2006 STIP Fund Estimate a. Direction to RTPAs in Preparing 2006 RTIPs b. Implications for FTIPs	Book Item 4.9	Norma Ortega \ David Brewer \ Ross Chittenden	150 Minutes
7.	Draft Amendment to the Guidelines for 2006 STIP	Book Item 4.3	David Brewer	20 Minutes
8.	Draft Amendment to the STIP Guidelines for Transportation System Performance Measures Report	Book Item 4.7	Debbie Mah	20 Minutes
9.	Bringing Certainty to PPM: a Consensus Approach		Pete Hathaway \ Sue Zuhlke \ Bob McCleary	20 Minutes
10.	CTC Allocation at May Meeting of 50% Funding for FY 05/06 Local Assistance Projects		Terry Abbott	15 Minutes
11.	Transportation Reauthorization Consensus Group Effort a. CMAQ phase-out issue		Ken DeCrescenzo \ David Yale	10 Minutes
12.	Other Business		All	5 Minutes

Next meeting, August 17, 2005, Sacramento

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*Draft Minutes*  
**May 25, 2005**  
**3:45 to 5:45 p.m.**  
**Sacramento Convention Center**  
**1400 J. Street, Room 202-203**  
**Sacramento, CA**

**1. Introductions, Announcements**

Moderator Celia McAdam (PCTPA) convened the meeting at 3:50 pm. Ms. McAdam welcomed Commissioner Joseph Lawrence of the CTC. The meeting then opened with self-introductions.

Nate Gilbertson of U.C. Berkeley handed out a flyer describing a June 21-22 class that would be taught by U.C. Berkeley in cooperation with Caltrans in Rancho Cordova on Effective Transportation Planning Practice in California. He encouraged RTPA members to sign up for the class.

**2. Approval of Minutes from April 13, 2005**

The minutes were accepted as written.

Ms. McAdams announced that items would be taken out of order on the agenda.

**5. Caltrans Monthly Finance Report/Cash Flow (Book Item 3.1)**

Mitch Weiss of Caltrans reported that the Finance Report that would be presented to the CTC did not include May Revised budget changes. He informed the group that once enacted, budget changes would be reflected in the July Finance report.

**10. Transportation Performance System Measures Report (Book Item 4.7)**

Debbie Mah of Caltrans informed the group that she would outline to the CTC nine system outcomes developed with transportation stakeholders, which are part of a prototype state of the system report. She and Brian Smith of Caltrans recounted how, in working with the stakeholders team, the prototype state of the system report had gotten to its current point of development. Ms. Mah told the group that the stakeholder's team had determined how much data is available in developing the prototype. She said the next steps were to continue to refine the system outcomes, look at all data collected and determine how to present it in a meaningful way. She described the key criteria that were used to measure system performance. She explained that special measures would need to be developed for rural areas and that a consultant would assist Caltrans on this effort. Ty Schuiling, SanBAG, asked if Systemetric was still under contract to assist Caltrans in this effort. Ms. Mah responded that she wasn't sure.

**7. Bringing Certainty to PPM: Building a Consensus Approach**

Bob McCleary, CCTA, explained that an informal working group had prepared PPM proposals, based on 2% of HUTA or 5% of a \$1.25 billion STIP. He said there seemed to be general support for raising everyone to an equitable county level, either through the HUTA approach or the STIP minimum share approach. Bruce Abanathy, StanCOG, said one or the other approach should be recommended but that rural counties should be asked if it is necessary to have a higher minimum amount received. David Brewer, CTC staff, said that the issue appears to be funding PPM from the STIP or outside the STIP. He said by changing one sentence in statute PPM could be

calculated as if it had a \$1.25 billion STIP as a minimum. Another issue for including it in the STIP would be that it would be part of a county's share, and the regions could make a choice of whether or how much PPM to program. Bob McCleary suggested that the name of funding supporting regional agencies be changed to project planning, programming and management. He noted that concern had been raised by Pete Hathaway, SACOG, and Jim Kemp, SBCAG, that a direct subvention should be made to the regions for PPM. He noted that the CTC may not be comfortable with a direct subvention, but that Pete and Jim had agreed at a CalCOG meeting to prepare a third PPM option. Pete Hathaway stated that it was his sense that, the smaller the agency, the more important guaranteed access is. He said that if the RTPAs wanted legislative support, and the amount of PPM being sought is twice as much as current funding, the RTPAs needed to be together on the issue. He agreed to craft an alternative. Mike Evanhoe, representing StanCOG, said rurals just want to keep projects moving. The definition of PPM should be broad enough to encompass project delivery. He stated that all agencies have to succeed in delivering projects, including rural agencies, and so stable PPM funding was important. Celia McAdam, PCTPA, said the controversy is not so much in the formula but whether it provides certainty. George Dondaro, Calaveras County Transportation Commission, said predictability is everything. He agreed with Pete Hathaway on the importance of guaranteed access. Ms. McAdam told the group that on July 11 there would be a CalCOG meeting, and July 13 an RTPA meeting and the next discussion of the matter would be at those meetings. She indicated those would be key meetings in building a consensus on PPM. Mike Evanhoe repeated his concern that rural agencies had to be given certainty. Ms. McAdam expressed appreciation to Sue Zuhlke and Bob McCleary for their work on the PPM issue.

### **3. State Budget Progress on Transportation / May Revise**

Kris Murray, OCTA, reported that the Prop. 42 Coalition had received a Tranny Award at the awards ceremony earlier in the day. She described a series of media events the governor was participating in to promote restoration of Prop. 42 funds in his May revise budget and said the Prop. 42 coalition was asked to participate in the events. She indicated that the media campaign was a paid and earned campaign and that the California Alliance for Jobs was assisting. She said that assistance was also requested from public information officers. She said there was an effort by Darcy King of Smith Watts & Co. to create a database of PIOs and that contact information should be sent to [dking@smithwatts.com](mailto:dking@smithwatts.com).

David Brewer, CTC staff, said the CTC was moving forward on the assumption that Prop. 42 funding was going to be available for 05/06 fiscal year. He said that no allocations had been made since June 2003 for the STIP and December 2002 for TCRP. He informed the group that on June 16, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., a workshop would be held that would cover allocations, including allocation capacity and which projects would be priorities for allocations. He said an educated guess was that allocation capacity would be \$316 million for the STIP and \$678 million for TCRP. He indicated that all projects in fiscal year 2005/06 could be delivered. He said he did not see having to create an allocation plan because projects programmed in the STIP in 05/06 are the allocation plan. He said that the TCRP was a different question. He noted that funding could be cut off in 06/07. The governor's Director of Finance had made comments to the effect that this was a one time only transfer of Prop. 42 for the 05/06 fiscal year. A more conservative approach might be to allocate to 1/3 of the projects in the 05/06 fiscal year. In July, though, he anticipated allocations and suggested that agencies resubmit allocation requests to Caltrans. Rachel Moriconi, SCCTC, asked if the governor's May revise addressed repayment of loans of Pro. 42 funds to the general fund and Mr. Brewer responded that it did not.

### **4. 2006 Fund Estimate Assumptions (Book Item 4.3)**

David Brewer, CTC staff, said the CTC has decided prepare a two-tiered fund estimate for the 2006 STIP. He noted that Caltrans was proposing to add PTA spillovers to the fund estimate assumptions. Mr. Brewer acknowledged there would be implications of this approach for FTIPs.

He indicated that a June 9 workshop on the two-tier STIP would be held with Executive Directors. David Yale requested that an executive from FHWA be present if only Executive Directors were going to be present.

**6. Annual Analysis of GARVEE Bonding Capacity (Book Item 4.6)**

David Brewer, CTC staff, reported that Prop. 42 transfers in the May revise budget do not change the outlook for GARVEE capacity.

**8. Obligational Authority for Regional TE Projects**

Steve VanDenburgh, SBCAG, explained that in preparing their obligations plans due May 15, regional agencies were reminded that old regional TE projects were left without OA. An agency like Santa Barbara, for example, was no longer eligible for CMAQ funds, exchanged RSTP funds for State cash, and no longer received regional TE apportionments because the TE program is part of the STIP. There was simply no way of obligating regional TE projects because its OA pool was so small without forgoing part or all of the RSTP exchange and using OA from unexchanged funds to deliver the projects. He indicated this was unacceptable in his region. He indicated that other agencies had expressed similar concerns. Laura Quintana, Caltrans, distributed a handout showing the obligation status of regions. She said delivery is low and that may provide opportunities for using OA that is not being used elsewhere in the State to help deliver old Regional TE projects. Rachel Moriconi, SCCRTC, expressed concern that her region couldn't obligate HBRR funds due to the lack of a State match. She asked if there was any chance that the match could be made by the State. Terry Abbott, Caltrans, said he did not see funding for HBRR matches being included in the State budget. Mr. Abbott said that it was important to put issues such as these being discussed on his desk so he can work on them with the CTC staff. Celia McAdam encouraged the regions to make sure that their obligations plans submitted describe all of the issues that a region is facing so Terry could work on them.

**9. TEA 21 Reauthorization Consensus Group Efforts**

Ken DeCrescenzo, Caltrans, reported that a delegation would be headed to Washington from California on June 7-8 for a staff to staff meeting on the consensus principles. He stated that a second group may be sent 1-2 weeks later. He asked that anyone headed to Washington D.C. on June 7-8 to let him know. He said the next step after the staff to staff meetings would be to meet with California's D.C. representatives.

**11. Election of Moderator/Vice Moderator for 2005/06.**

Steve VanDenburgh, Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, was elected moderator by the group. Lisa Rheinheimer, Transportation Agency for Monterey County, was nominated by MTC, seconded by OCTA, as vice-moderator and elected by the group.

**13. Other Business**

The RTPA group thanked Celia McAdam for the tremendous job she did during the 04/05 fiscal year as moderator.

Ms. McAdam adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m. after announcing that the next meeting would be held on July 13 in SanDiego.