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Subject: **UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION PLAN GUIDELINES**

SUMMARY:

The Commission initiated the process to update the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Guidelines and develop California Transportation Plan (CTP) Guidelines on June 30, 2016. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is assisting the Commission in this effort. Draft guidelines were released for review in early July and stakeholder feedback was received during August. In response to these comments, revised working drafts were released during September for comments during October.

Workgroups were also formed to convene subject matter experts and address various policy areas. Approximately 130 individuals representing a variety of stakeholder perspectives have been participating in workgroups to provide input on these draft documents. The workgroups met in July and August to discuss development of public health, active transportation, social equity, environment, performance measures, freight and other guidance. A separate technical workgroup was formed to develop updates to regional travel demand modeling guidance and has been meeting throughout the months of July, August and September.

Before amending the guidelines, the Commission is required to hold two workshops on the guidelines, one in northern California and one in southern California. The workshops must be incorporated into regular Commission meetings. Based on the number of comments received to the first drafts, eight workgroup meetings are scheduled in October for purposes of reaching general consensus amongst workgroup members. Staff anticipates that the final draft 2016 RTP and CTP Guidelines will be brought forward for consideration at the December 2016 and January 2017 Commission meetings.

BACKGROUND:

Update of the 2010 RTP Guidelines

California Government Code Section 14522 authorizes the Commission, in cooperation with the regional transportation planning agencies, to prescribe study areas for analysis and evaluation by such agencies and guidelines for the preparation of RTPs.

The RTP Guidelines are intended to set forth a uniform, statewide long-range regional transportation planning framework; promote an integrated, multi-modal, and cooperative planning process; and facilitate the efficient delivery of transportation projects that meet local, regional, and state goals. The RTP Guidelines were last updated in 2010 to address new requirements for RTPs resulting from the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 375 (Steinberg, 2008).

An update to the 2010 RTP Guidelines is necessary in light of changes to State statute resulting from the passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 441 (Monning, 2012), as well as changes to federal statute resulting from the passage of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015. Additionally, updates are needed to reflect advances in the practice of long-range transportation planning including improvements in the areas of modeling, public health, active transportation, goods movement, climate adaptation planning, and performance measurement.

Development of CTP Guidelines

SB 486 (DeSaulnier, 2013), Section 14524.3 of the California Government Code was added which authorized the Commission, in cooperation with Caltrans, to prepare guidelines for the development of the CTP. Caltrans is required to prepare the CTP to serve as the transportation policy plan designed to meet California's mobility needs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions over the next 20 years.

Information for this effort can be found online as follows:

- Draft RTP Guidelines, comments received, comment deadlines, and comment forms are available at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/orip/rtp/>
- Draft CTP Guidelines, comments received, comment deadlines, and comment forms are available at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/osp/ctp-guidelines.html>
- A tentative schedule of planned workgroup meetings is available online at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/orip/rtp/>