

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS,
CALIFORNIA ROAD CHARGE TECHNICAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TAC Meeting: August 26, 2015

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Subject: ROAD CHARGE WORKGROUP UPDATE

ISSUE:

The Road Charge Workgroup (Workgroup) met via teleconference on August 19th to discuss the policy issues being considered by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) at the August 26th meeting. TAC Chair Jim Madaffer and Committee Member Pam O'Connor participated on the call.

During the August 19th teleconference, Commission staff provided a brief summary of key policy decisions made at the July TAC meeting as well as the policy decisions the TAC will be considering at the August 26th TAC meeting. The following is a summary of workgroup member comments and feedback:

- Regarding the concept of Pilot program enforcement, California DMV inquired as to whether the Pilot will test both roadside and financial enforcement. Staff replied that physical roadside enforcement will not be tested in the pilot however the Pilot will focus on simulating violations and auditing system activity around volunteer accounts to test how payment violations, for example, would be addressed.
- California DMV commented that one aspect of enforcement to consider in the pilot would be the customer service role of addressing violations such as service or call center functions.
- California DMV suggested that the TAC engage with tolling agencies to determine how existing account management and enforcement functions can be built upon for the pilot program.
- Staff reminded workgroup members that the TAC will revisit all pilot program design considerations at the September meeting and requested members to begin considering input they would like to provide in preparation for that upcoming discussion.

The workgroup did not formally agree on consensus points to present to the TAC. However, workgroup members were encouraged to provide comments on behalf of their individual organizations. The next workgroup meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10th, in preparation for the September 16th TAC meeting.

BACKGROUND:

Stakeholder engagement in the pilot program development process is critical. To facilitate stakeholder input, a Road Charge Workgroup consisting of 22 members was formed to meet specific consultation requirements outlined in Senate Bill (SB) 1077 and to support the TAC as a resource to efficiently gather and provide expert input on the design and evaluation of a road charge pilot program.

The workgroup is chaired by Anne Mayer, Executive Director of the Riverside County Transportation Commission. Workgroup participants include representatives from a wide variety of areas including: vehicle users; vehicle manufacturers; fuel distributors; tribal governments; social equity and sustainability advocates; taxpayers; state, local, and regional transportation agencies; and building, construction, business and economy interests. As a resource for the TAC, the Workgroup is complementary to the larger public engagement process being undertaken by the TAC.

Attachment: Road Charge Workgroup Roster

Road Charge Workgroup Roster

Name	Organization	Title	Area of Representation
Anne Mayer (Chair)	Riverside County Transportation Commission	Executive Director	Regional Agency
Curt Augustine	Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers	Director of Policy & Government Affairs	Vehicle Manufacturers
Bruce Blodgett	San Joaquin Farm Bureau	Executive Director	Agricultural Industry
Emily Castor	Lyft	Director of Community Relations	Vehicle Users
Andrew Conway	California Department of Motor Vehicles	Chief, Registration Policy/Automation	State Agency
Joe Cruz	California State Council of Laborers	Legislative Director	Labor
Genevieve Cullen	Electric Drive Transportation Assoc.	Interim President	Electric Vehicle Manufacturers
Mike Downs	Downs Energy	President	Fuel Distributors
Silvio Ferrari	California Building Industry Association	Vice-President of Legislative Affairs	Building & Construction
Jay Friedland	Plug In America	Policy Director	Vehicle Users
Adam Geisler	Native American Advisory Council	Committee Member	Tribal Governments
Paul Granillo	Inland Empire Economic Partnership	President	Business & Economy
John Greaves	UPS – Central California	Transportation Operations Mgr.	Vehicle Users
Rob Gutierrez	California Tax Foundation (Cal Tax)	Director	Tax Payers
Susan Klassen	Sonoma County	Public Works Director	Local Agency
Rob Lapsley	California Business Roundtable	President	Business & Economy
Annie Nam	Southern California Assoc. of Governments	Goods Movement and Transportation Finance Manager	Business & Economy
Cathy Reheis-Boyd	Western States Petroleum Association	President	Fuel Distributors
Sharon Scherzinger	El Dorado County Transportation Commission	Executive Director	Rural Counties Task Force
Joshua Stark	Transform	State Policy Director	Sustainability and Social Equity
Dianne Steinhauser	Transportation Authority of Marin	Executive Director	Self-Help Counties
Allison Yoh	Port of Long Beach	Transportation Policy Manager	Business & Economy