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To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Subject: **ROAD CHARGE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE & PILOT PROGRAM UPDATE**

ISSUE:

At the January 22, 2015 Commission Meeting, the Commission finalized membership of the California Road Usage Charge Technical Advisory Committee (Committee). The first Committee meeting was held on January 23, 2015 in Sacramento. This meeting addressed Committee administrative matters including operating procedures and planned meeting dates, and included an overview of the road charge pilot program efforts currently being undertaken in Oregon and Washington. The second Committee meeting was held February 26, 2015, also in Sacramento. At this meeting the Committee discussed consultant support and roles, communications and public participation strategies, as well as policy dimensions of road charging in California and the global evolution of road charging policy. The next Committee meeting will be held March 27, 2015 in Irvine and will focus on technology policy objectives, road charge pilot program operational concepts, enabling technology, and system architecture.

The Committee will continue to undertake an open and inclusive process over the next ten months to gather public input during its study of road usage charge alternatives to the gas tax and development of recommendations on pilot program design. Committee meetings are webcast and all meeting materials are available on the Committee website:
http://www.catc.ca.gov/meetings/Committees/Road_Charge/Road_Charge.html

BACKGROUND:

On September 29, 2014 the Governor signed Senate Bill (SB) 1077 (DeSaulnier, Road Usage Charge Pilot Program) mandating the Commission Chair, in consultation with the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) Secretary, to create a 15-member Road Usage Charge Technical Advisory Committee (Committee) to study road usage charge alternatives to the gas tax, gather public input, and to make recommendations on the design of a pilot program. CalSTA must implement a road usage charge pilot program by January 1, 2017 based on the recommendations of the Committee and submit to the Legislature, the Committee, and the Commission, a report of its findings by June 30, 2018. The Commission is required to include its recommendations regarding the pilot program in its annual report to the Legislature.