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Subject: **INTERREGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE AND SCHEDULE**

SUMMARY:

The Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan (ITSP) is the long-range planning document for the interregional transportation system and provides direction for the development of the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program prepared by the California Department of Transportation (Department). The ITSP is one of several modal plans that will be integrated into the California Transportation Plan.

The draft ITSP is expected to be circulated for public review and comment in April 2015. It will be an agenda item for any additional comment by the California Transportation Commission (Commission) at its May 2015 meeting. It is anticipated that the ITSP will then be approved by the Commission, with all comments received and addressed, at its June 25-26, 2015 Commission meeting, in accordance with Senate Bill 486.

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with Government Code Section 14524.4, the Department is required to prepare and submit to the Commission its Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan.

However, Senate Bill 486 (Chapter 917, Statutes of 2014), now requires revised procedures for the Department in developing the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program, to make it consistent with Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan (ITSP). It also requires that the Department submit the ITSP to the Commission for analysis, evaluation and approval.

The 2015 ITSP will emphasize the entire interregional transportation system and not just the portion that will be funded through the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program to highlight the need for partnerships between State, regional, and local agencies.

Additionally, the ITSP will also address Commission expectations and guidance, as described in previous ITSP cycles, as well as the most recent letter submitted to the Department on January 22, 2015.