

# Statewide Transportation System Needs Assessment Workgroup

## October 23, 2012 Meeting Notes

### Action Items

- CTC Staff to:
  - Develop a contact list for the Performance Outcomes Chapter Workgroup; coordinate a meeting with the workgroup to discuss process for identifying performance outcomes, format and content of the Chapter.
  - Update Efficiencies Workgroup contact lists and distribute to the workgroup.
  - Refine the Efficiencies Chapter Template and distribute to the workgroup.
  - Provide an electronic copy of the P3 Innovative Financing Revenue Option to the Project Delivery Efficiencies team.
  - Develop and circulate a template for Sales Tax Measure Accomplishments since 2006 to be completed by workgroup members from Self-Help Counties.
  - Develop and circulate a template for Proposition 1B and ARRA Accomplishments to be completed by Caltrans.
  - Coordinate with SCAG Economists and Caltrans regarding the inclusion of certain benefit measurement metrics in the Economic Analysis Chapter.
  - Edit page 3 of the report Introduction to reflect that the Chair of the Rural Counties Task Force is a member of the Executive Advisory Committee.
  - Provide updated Revenue Options worksheet which reflects more recent HOT Lanes revenue information to the workgroup.
  - Incorporate the "Growing Competition for Sales Tax Revenue" publication into the report by reference and include a link to the full document.
- Bob Leiter and Bill Higgins to provide revised language for Early Acquisition of Mitigation Resources to the Environmental Streamlining Efficiency workgroup.
- Efficiency Workgroups to provide text by November 15<sup>th</sup>
- Performance Outcomes Workgroup to provide text by November 15<sup>th</sup>
- Caltrans and Regional Agencies to provide Accomplishments text by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Action Items to be carried forward:

- Eric Shen to work with Kerry Cartwright and Sharon Neely about methodology/projections for national freight fee revenue source. Revenue projections will be submitted for the funding spreadsheet.
- Caltrans to run scenarios that would close the \$300 billion funding gap (increase gas tax by \$ .10, .20, .30).
- Matt Carpenter to provide information addressing alternative vehicles.

## **Meeting Notes:**

### Opening Remarks

Susan Bransen welcomed participants and outlined the meeting purpose to discuss Executive Committee feedback, obtain workgroup input on the revised report format, and to form workgroups to address Performance Outcomes, Accomplishments & Accountability, and Opportunities for Efficiencies.

### Report Timeline

CTC staff will compile input received during the month of November and will circulate a Draft Revenue Policy Report to the workgroup by November 29<sup>th</sup>. The Draft Revenue Policy Report is scheduled to be presented as an informational item to the Commission at the January 2013 meeting.

### Meeting Discussion

Susan reported that the Advisory Committee met in early October to discuss the content and revenue options in the report. The committee is comprised of Executive staff from the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, the Department of Transportation, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Southern California Association of Governments, the San Diego Association of Governments and the Rural Counties Task Force chair. Feedback from the Advisory Committee included the importance of developing specific performance outcomes for the next ten years to identify the most critical transportation needs, as well as identifying previous accomplishments and opportunities for efficiencies. The Advisory Committee was informed of the following priority revenue options intended for inclusion in the main body of the report: Cap and Trade Revenues, Gas Tax Increase and/or Indexing to Inflation, Reinstatement of Gasoline Sales Tax, Diesel Sales Tax Increase, Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) Fee, Lowering the Voter Threshold for Local Sales Tax Measures, Transportation User Fee, and High Occupancy Tolling Lanes.

The revised report format was presented to the workgroup for discussion.

10 Year Vision and Performance Outcomes: This section of the report will focus on identifying specific performance outcomes for System Preservation, Maintenance, Operations and Expansion to highlight our greatest needs. Local jurisdictions have recently completed a 10 Year Needs Assessment that will be used to inform this section of the report. A sub-working group (Performance Outcomes Workgroup) will be convened to identify transportation objectives and performance outcomes for this chapter. Workgroup membership will consist of regional and local representatives, transit representatives and Caltrans. The Performance Outcomes Workgroup will coordinate with the MAP-21 Implementation working group as this group is already identifying performance measures, outcomes and goals. The Performance Outcomes Workgroup will also incorporate information from the California Interregional Blueprint effort and Chapter 6 of the 2011 Statewide Needs Assessment Report. CTC staff will develop a roster for the Performance Outcomes Workgroup and will schedule a meeting before the end of October. Text for this chapter is requested by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Accomplishments and Accountability: This section of the report will identify accomplishments achieved through Proposition 1B, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and local Sales Tax Measure programs. CTC staff will develop and provide templates to the regions and Caltrans that will cover background information on these programs as well as highlight specific benefits achieved from

delivering highway, transit and multimodal projects. It was suggested that this section specifically highlight the Los Angeles County 30/10 plan and SANDAG's Trans Net Mitigation Program. CTC staff is requesting accomplishments and accountability information from the regions and Caltrans by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Efficiencies Measures: This section of the report will focus on areas where transportation agencies have developed efficiencies in delivering projects and quantifying the savings achieved. This section will identify barriers and recommendations for further enhancing efficiency in the following areas: Project Delivery, Environmental Review Streamlining, Consolidation of Functions, Utilizing Technology and MAP-21 Implementation. Team Leaders have been established for each efficiency area as follows: Project Delivery - Tim Craggs, Caltrans; Environmental Review Streamlining – Jay Norvell, Caltrans; Consolidation of Functions – Steve Takigawa, Caltrans and Andrew Fremier, MTC; Utilizing Technology – Steve Takigawa, Caltrans; MAP-21 Implementation – Norma Ortega, Caltrans. CTC staff will prepare text writing team rosters for each efficiency area and distribute to the team leaders. CTC staff will also prepare and distribute a template for use by the workgroups to complete each efficiency area write up. CTC staff is requesting efficiencies measures write-ups by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Revenue and Implementation Strategies: Susan noted that the Toll Roads/High Occupancy Toll Lanes revenue option section is currently under development and will be drafted for workgroup review by the November 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. Revised revenue amounts for the HOT Lanes revenue option have been submitted and will be provided to the workgroup.

Economic Analysis: Caltrans will be augmenting the economic analysis that was conducted for the 2011 Needs Assessment Report to include a report on the economic impacts of not addressing the statewide transportation needs identified. This analysis will be circulated for peer review. Norma Ortega will contact SCAG's Economic Analysis team to coordinate the scope and to discuss the inclusion of certain metrics in the analysis i.e. what are the benefits in travel time reduction, energy savings, etc for every dollar invested.

Next Steps:

Text to address performance outcomes, efficiency measures, and accomplishments for inclusion in the report is to be submitted by November 15th. Workgroup members to review report and provide suggested edits as applicable.

November 29 is the next stakeholder meeting from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Department of Transportation, 1120 N Street, Room 2116, Sacramento, CA.