

## SBCAG STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** California Transportation Commissioner (CTC) Updates

**MEETING DATE:** February 17, 2022

**AGENDA ITEM:** 4J

**STAFF CONTACT:** Sarkes Khachek and Jacky Mata

### RECOMMENDATION:

Receive updates on activities by California Transportation Commission including updates related to CTC Commissioners, Senate Bill 1 (SB1) programs, Active Transportation Program (ATP), Road User Charge Technical Advisory Committee and Equity Advisory Roundtable.

### DISCUSSION:

#### About the CTC



California  
**Transportation  
Commission**

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) was established in 1978 by Assembly Bill 402 out of a growing concern for a single, unified California transportation policy. The California Transportation Commission consists of eleven voting members and two non-voting ex-officio members. Of the eleven voting members, nine are appointed by the Governor, one is appointed by the Senate Rules Committee, and one is appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly. The two ex-officio non-voting members are appointed from the State Senate and Assembly, usually the respective chairs of the transportation policy committee in each house. **Attachment A** provides a roster of current CTC Commissioners. The newest Commissioner is Commissioner Jay Bradshaw.

The Commission and their staff are responsible for programming and allocating billions of dollars in funds for the construction of highway, passenger rail, transit and active transportation improvements throughout California. The CTC oversees numerous programs included in Senate Bill 1 (SB1) which was signed into law in 2017. SBCAG, Caltrans and our local partners receive these funds by formula or competitively to deliver on local and regional priorities. The Commission also advises and assists the Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) and the Legislature in formulating and evaluating state policies and plans for California's transportation programs. On February 7, Governor Newsom appointed Mr. Toks Omishakin as the next CalSTA Secretary. The Commission is also an active participant in the initiation and development of State and Federal legislation that seeks to secure financial stability for the State's transportation needs.

SBCAG's Director of Programming, Sarkes Khachek, serves as the SBCAG's liaison to the California Transportation Commission (CTC).

**The following is an update for the SBCAG Board of Directors on current focus areas and activities that SBCAG staff is participating in or monitoring:**



## **Senate Bill 1 (SB1) Competitive Programs**



CTC Staff are conducting guidelines development workshops for Cycle 3 of the Senate Bill 1 (SB1) competitive programs. These programs include the Local Partnership Program, Solutions for Congested Corridors Program and Trade Corridors Enhancement Program.

In 2018, SBCAG and Caltrans were awarded \$184 million in SB1 funding from the Solutions for Congested Corridors and Trade Corridors Enhancement Programs to deliver on Phases 4A, 4B and 4C of the Santa Barbara Highway 101 High Occupancy Vehicle project and several local improvements.

CTC staff is expected to announce a two-year call for projects for Cycle 3 this August with applications due in November or December. As part of the call for projects process, SBCAG staff has been participating in guidelines workshops coordinated by CTC staff and providing input in advance of our application submittals this year to complete the Santa Barbara Highway 101 Multimodal Corridor. After applications are submitted, CTC staff will evaluate applications and release staff recommendations in May 2023 with adoption in June 2023.

SBCAG staff will provide more information on the guidelines and application process at the February 17 SBCAG Board Workshop.

## **Active Transportation Program (ATP) – Cycle 6**

The Active Transportation Program was created by Senate Bill 99 to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as walking and biking. The goals of the ATP include, but are not limited to, increasing the proportion of trips accomplished by walking and biking, increasing the safety and mobility of non-motorized users, advancing efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals, enhancing public health, and providing a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of users including disadvantaged communities.

ATP Cycle 6 covers Fiscal Years 23/24-26/27 with \$445 million of funding available. Workshops for the ATP cycle 6 are currently being held. On February 10<sup>th</sup> a virtual Branch workshop was held with CTC Staff for our region. Branch workshops are more centered on a particular region and more education on the program occurs. Branch workshops also go over what agencies can improve on and go over any specific questions from agencies in our County. Central workshops are more specific to a topic and guideline changes are made at these. At the recent Central workshops, minor changes were made to the guidelines and applications for this upcoming cycle to allow applicants to reapply without having to make drastic changes to their applications.

The call for projects is scheduled to be announced at the March 16<sup>th</sup> CTC meeting. Final applications are due June 15<sup>th</sup> with CTC staff recommendations for funding will be released on October 21<sup>st</sup> and with program adoption at the December 7<sup>th</sup> CTC Meeting.

## **Road User Charge Technical Advisory Committee**

The California Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee was established in 2014 by Senate Bill 1077. SB 1077 created the California Road Charge Pilot Program and tasked the Chair of the Commission, in consultation with CalSTA to convene a fifteen-member Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to study alternatives to the gas tax, gather public comment, and make recommendations to CalSTA regarding the design of a road charge pilot program. CalSTA published the Road Charge Pilot Program Report on December 8, 2017. The Commission included their recommendations regarding the pilot program in its annual report to the Legislature. In 2018, Senate Bill 1328 extended the operations of the Road Charge TAC until January 1, 2023.

Commission staff are currently completing research to support the draft of the Senate Bill 339 pilot design recommendations. Work will be presented to the Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for review and comment, beginning with the February 25, 2022 meeting.

If resources are received as part of the Governor's Budget process, Commission staff will contract with a consultant to write the pilot design recommendations report that is due to Caltrans and CalSTA in July of 2023. CTC Staff are also working on a road charge rate for the pilot, and the draft rate will also be presented to the Road Charge TAC for review sometime in 2022. More information will be shared with the SBCAG Board and local partners in the near future.

### **Equity Advisory Roundtable**

In 2021, the CTC convened an Equity Advisory Roundtable to elevate diverse perspectives in the transportation process and enhance relationships with community-based partners. [The Roundtable](#) brings together equity experts, practitioners, and community leaders from throughout the state to collaborate with Commission staff over a series of virtual meetings to develop recommendations to the Commission related to specific equity activities.

These activities include:

- the development of an Equity Advisory Committee;
- feedback on the forthcoming Community Listening Sessions that the Commission will hold in partnership with Caltrans and CalSTA;
- incorporate best practices for engagement with residents, community-based organizations, and tribal governments into the Commission's meetings and program guidelines;
- and consideration of how to translate feedback from Community Listening Sessions into meaningful change.

At their most recent meeting on [February 3](#), the Roundtable received an update on recent equity listening sessions and the group was asked to weigh in on potential guidelines changes to better address transportation equity as part of the SB1 Cycle 3 guidelines. SBCAG staff participates in the roundtable meetings and will monitor changes to the SB1 Cycle 3 guidelines related to equity.

### **ATTACHMENT:**

- A. Roster of CTC Commissioners

# ATTACHMENT A

## California Transportation Commission (CTC) Commissioner Roster

Updated February 7, 2022

Chair
Vice Chair

	Appointed by	Name	Region	Appointed/Reappointed	Term Ends
1	Governor	Jay Bradshaw	Bay Area	TBD	TBD
2	Governor	Darnell Grisby	Bay Area	1/31/2021	2/1/2025
3	Governor	Michele Martinez	Orange County	8/18/2020	2/1/2024
4	Governor	Carl Guardino	Bay Area	2/11/2019	2/1/2023
5	Governor	Fran Inman	Los Angeles	2/16/2018	2/1/2022
6	Governor	Hilary Norton	Los Angeles	9/20/2019	2/1/2023
7	Governor	Joseph Tavaglione	Riverside	1/31/2021	2/1/2025
8	Governor	John Rocco Davis	Placer	6/19/2020	2/1/2023
9	Governor	Lee Ann Eager	Central Valley/Fresno	6/19/2020	2/1/2024
10	Assembly Speaker	Joseph K. Lyou	Los Angeles	1/28/2020	12/31/2023
11	Senate Pro Tem	Clarissa Reyes Falcon	San Diego	9/7/2021	1/1/2024
12	Chair of Assembly Transportation Committee	Laura Freidman	Los Angeles		
13	Senate Transportation Committee Member	Josh Newman	Orange County		