

Group Memory  
Transportation Coop Committee

September 26, 2019

Next meeting: November 14, 2019

All meetings to be held at Terminal A – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Floor, Media Room, Sacramento Airport  
(unless otherwise noted)

Agenda Committee

Ray Zhang  
Patricia Chen  
Panos Kokkas  
Robert Newman

Desired outcome for November 2019 meeting:

Review the entire list. Rick will work with the agenda committee to focus the discussion.

Desired outcome for future meeting(s)

- MIRE update – do we need a workshop? (Ray, added 1-18-2018)
- Bridge inspection team representative: discussion and interaction
- Discussion/presentation on D-4 and F-3 from doables list

Bin List & Great Ideas

Charter / PURPOSE - California Transportation Coop Committee serves to:

- Address transportation funding, procedural and legislative issues related to project delivery from a local perspective. (reviewed January 2019).
- Enhance the working relationship between cities & counties, COGs and RTPAs, Caltrans, CTC and FHWA. This extends to improving communication with all stakeholders. Collaboration is a key method. (reviewed January 2019)
- Spread information and improve access to all stakeholders through the use of technology. (reviewed January 2019)
- Partner with Caltrans and FHWA to improve efficiency and enhance the ability to meet all stakeholder needs. (reviewed January 2019)

Ground Rules:

Start on time. End on time or early.  
Identify if you have to leave early and have an agenda item.  
Consensus decisions. You must be able to live with it.  
Keep side conversations silent.  
Send alternate if you are not able to attend.

Upshot

These are the assignments made at the meeting. As new ones are added they will be appended to the list. As assignments are completed they will be lined out with a ~~strike-through~~ but left on the list for one meeting. This will provide a running record of assignments made at these meetings.

From November 1, 2018

162	Ray / Rick	A&I will work with Local Assistance to see if there is anything that can be done for ICAP under the existing contracts local agencies have with the SCO. Rick will have his contact at SCO try and help.	<del>4/24/2019</del> <del>3/28/2019</del> <del>5/30/2019</del> <del>7/18/2019</del> 11/14/2019

From January 24, 2019

166	Tom M	Convene a work group for cities and counties, Caltrans and FHWA regarding emergency relief program. Determine what is working and what is not working. Share best practices. Work with Jason Nutt, Phil Doudar, Robert Newman, Bob Baca, Keaton Browder, and Miguel Ramos, Chris Lee and Ron Berdugo.	<del>3/28/2019</del> <del>5/30/2019</del> <del>7/18/2019</del> 11/14/2019

From March 28, 2019

172	Ross M	Regarding doables list E4, Ross and Rick need to have a phone call with Phil Stolarski to discuss needed changes in the MOU. Report back on the outcome. NEPA Assignment	<del>5/30/2019</del> <del>7/18/2019</del> 11/14/2019
<del>173</del>	<del>Rick T</del>	<del>E5 – Rick will bring up this item at the upcoming PWOI Spring conference meeting and report back in May. Caltrans needs to know what the issue is – specifics needed. (See agenda item # 8)</del>	<del>5/30/2019</del> <del>7/18/2019</del> <del>9/26/2019</del>

From May 30, 2019

174	Ross	Work with FHWA on the Inactive Obligations report	<del>7/18/2019</del> 11/14/2019
175	Miguel	Design Build in FEMA – is that allowed? Working to get FEMA attendance at TCC Meeting	<del>7/18/2019</del> 11/14/2019
<del>176</del>	<del>Ray</del>	<del>Take a look at the allocation process – see if there is a way to improve the process, applying the Lean 6 sigma process methodology. Propose a pilot. Include broad base of stakeholders in the discussion. Lean 6 Green Belt to attend</del>	<del>7/18/2019</del>
177	Ray	Provide feedback on the proposal brought by the regional agencies; working with IT to access project funding by locals	<del>7/18/2019</del> 11/14/2019

From September 26, 2019

178	Robert P.	On ER projects can EO projects get reimbursed before AC?	11/14/2019
179	Rick/Kelly /Tom /Najee	Workgroup – Environmental Review process Challenges	01/23/2020
180	Rick T.	E4/E5 get a better picture of what the actual problems are	11/14/2019

Critique from last meeting:

What went well	What Needs Improvement
Good attendance Good topics Good set-up & new furniture Break	Start on time Vince attending more often

1	9:00	Introductions	All	
2	9:05	Ground Rules; Action Items; Review Agenda	Mike Halverson	Understand meeting process and status of action items / Discussion
3	9:10	RTPA Update	Patricia Chen	Information Sharing

### Agenda Item 3. RTPA Update

3. 1. Met in August
3. 2. SAFE Vehicle rule proposed – there were many questions from regions on effects on projects
3. 3. State Transportation Improvement Fund – State funds used solely to avoid issues w/ funding projects with Federal dollars
3. 4. Vehicle Fleet in California – how many electric vehicles are being adopted?

4	9:20	CTC Update	Dawn Cheser	Information Sharing
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### Agenda Item 4. CTC Update

4. 1. DID NOT ATTEND

5	9:30	FHWA Update – FEMA / FTIP	Daniel Hawk / Miguel Ramos	Information Sharing
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## Agenda Item 5. FHWA Update

- 5. 1. Design Build discussion with FEMA; trying to get FEMA representative to attend
- 5. 2. Daniel Hawk introduced as the new Local Programs Manager; 1<sup>st</sup> TCC Meeting
- 5. 3. Rodney Whitfield discussed inactive obligations
  - 5. 3. 1. Inactives started the FY at 13% now at 1.8% - greatly reduced!!!
  - 5. 3. 2. Ross McKeown mentioned quarterly reports are hard to get ahead of, would be easier if he could get monthly reports; DLA can increase the frequency to help
  - 5. 3. 3. Timely obligation helps to avoid inactive obligations
- 5. 4. FAST Act rescission on Monday 9/30; no unobligated CMAQ money; list will be available mid-late October
- 5. 5. Timely Obligations are used as a measure of inactives
  - 5. 5. 1. % of 1<sup>st</sup> invoices paid within 270 days
    - 5. 5. 1. 1. 82% National, 90% State, 20-30% Local
  - 5. 5. 2. Next 2-3 weeks FHWA & Caltrans will meet with the Locals to discuss how to improve this process and improve the % Statewide
  - 5. 5. 3.
- 5. 6. ER – \$151M anticipated to be allocated for Storms and CAMP fire damage
  - 5. 6. 1. Time extensions have been received and are being reviewed
  - 5. 6. 2. Randy Steen working with DLA ER Program to replace the AC project funds. See action item #178

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9:45

Caltrans Update and HSIP / HBP  
Committee Update

Ray Zhang /  
Robert Peterson

Information Sharing

## Agenda Item 6. Caltrans Update

- 6. 1. Caltrans
  - 6. 1. 1. New Caltrans Director, Toks Omishakin begins in mid-October
  - 6. 1. 2. Chief Deputy Director – Jim Davis
  - 6. 1. 3. Coco Briseno and Karla Sutliff have retired; Dave Moore and Corey Binns to act in their place respectively
  - 6. 1. 4. \$125M of OA used at the Local level (CMAQ, Flex STP, Bridge); zeroed out
- 6. 2. HSIP / HBP
  - 6. 2. 1. Local Route Safety Plan (HSIP funds); money available in October
  - 6. 2. 2. Peer Exchange: Local Roads Safety Plan October 22-23, 2019

- 6. 2. 2. 1. Group will be people who have done the reports and FHWA will be there to help as well
- 6. 2. 3. Applications received with an approved plan will be prioritized if possible and the program will do their best to fund at least (1) project
- 6. 2. 4. Pedestrian Safety – Trying to incorporate a toolbox guide for engineers in the guidelines
- 6. 2. 5. \$26M less will be available next year
- 6. 2. 6. Projects need to authorize PE or will be removed from the funding list; lost funds will be utilized for other projects
- 6. 2. 7. A question was asked: How can the Local Agencies build culverts instead of bridges for crossings under 20ft that way they do not have to use Bridge money but could use other funds instead?

7	10:15	Report on E5, E5, D4, and F3	Rick Tippet	Discussion of Doables - Survey (handout)
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### **Agenda Item 7. Environmental Review Survey**

- 7. 1. See PowerPoint Presentation
- 7. 2. Results of the survey show the locals are confused by the directions they receive leading to misunderstanding and frustration
- 7. 3. Difficulties with Environmental Clearance
- 7. 4. Local agencies experience repercussions for complaints; the reviewer holds the projects from moving forward
- 7. 5. FHWA has seen a trend and will work on a trend analysis

8	11:00	Risk Based Stewardship Oversight	Paul Schneider	Discussion (handout)
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### **Agenda Item 8. RBSO**

- 8. 1. See PowerPoint Presentation
- 8. 2. Risk Based Stewardship Oversight - Use our limited resources more effectively and efficiently to deliver an increasingly complex program
- 8. 3. Delegation is an important mechanism that allows for more effective resource utilization
- 8. 4. Delegate items that the State/LPA generally should be able to accomplish well without FHWA involvement – where FHWA is adding limited/incremental value to the process
- 8. 5. Informal process to allocate resources for S&O activities OR Formal, recurring process to allocate resources for S&O activities
- 8. 6. Systematic, Structured Tools for Risk Response Strategies
  - 8. 6. 1. Identify and complete Process Reviews - verification

- 8. 6. 2. CAP-Type Reviews - verification
- 8. 6. 3. Perform Audits – verification
- 8. 6. 4. Perform Billing Reviews - verification
- 8. 6. 5. Update Internal Policies and Procedures – program structure
- 8. 6. 6. Update LAPM and LAPG – program structure

**8. 7. Performance Plan**

- 8. 7. 1. Leadership Team prioritizes and selects Risk Response Strategies to include in Plan
- 8. 7. 2. Assign responsible person and/or team for each
- 8. 7. 3. Establish deadline for each
- 8. 7. 4. Publish Performance Plan
- 8. 7. 5. Monitor progress via regular updates and/or meeting

9	11:40	State Only Funding Policy	Ray Zhang	Information Sharing
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**Agenda Item 9. State Only Funding Policy**

- 9. 1.** STIP limit increased to \$10M
  - 9. 1. 1. Projects less than \$10M can use State funds; Projects greater than \$10M must use Federal funds
- 9. 2.** ATP limit stays the same - \$1M

10	12:10	Federal Safer Affordable Fuel Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule Impact	Tanisha Taylor	Discussion (handout)
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**Agenda Item 10. SAFE Vehicles Rule**

- 10. 1.** See handouts
- 10. 2.** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) propose to amend certain existing Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) and greenhouse gas emissions standards for passenger cars and light trucks and establish new standards, covering model years 2021 through 2026.
- 10. 3.** This rule affects 93% of the State’s population
- 10. 4.** EPA will withdraw the January 9, 2013 waiver of CAA preemption for California’s Advanced Clean Car (ACC) program, Zero Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) mandate, and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) standards that are applicable to model years 2021 through 2025.
- 10. 5.** Under CAA section 209(b)(1)(C) (consistency with section 202(a)), EPA proposes to find that California’s GHG and ZEV standards are inconsistent with section 202(a) because they are

technologically infeasible in that they provide insufficient lead time to permit the development of necessary technology, giving appropriate consideration to compliance costs.

**10. 6. Final rule: Withdrawal of waiver**

**10. 7.** Breaks EMFAC: The California Air Resources Board (CARB) developed an Emission FACtors (EMFAC) model to calculate statewide or regional emissions inventories by multiplying emissions rates with vehicle activity data from all motor vehicles, including passenger cars to heavy-duty trucks, operating on highways, freeways, and local roads in California.

**10. 8. All transit projects will be affected.** Roughly 95 percent of the state's population. **Metropolitan Planning Organizations:** Butte County Association of Governments, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Sacramento Area Council of Governments, San Diego Association of Governments, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments, and the Southern California Association of Governments, and Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin Counties. **Rural Non-attainment Areas:** Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Mono, Tehama, Plumas, and Nevada (some of these non-attainment areas may not have any current projects and therefore may not be immediately affected).

**10. 9.** If California were required to follow the federal rollback proposal, carbon dioxide emissions could increase by almost 15 million metric tons in the year 2030. That is roughly equivalent to putting an additional 2.8 million cars on the State's roads for a year. In the South Coast air basin, emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx), a key smog-forming pollutant in the state, would increase to 430 tons in 2030. Just under 2,000 transportation projects (select transit and roadway), totaling over \$130 billion may face project delivery delays, or loss of funding. Of that, roughly \$22 billion may be at risk.

11		12:30	Adjourn		
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