CTC Meeting Summary for Technical Advisory Committee

May 7, 2013

Meeting held in Los Angeles at Metro Headquarters

- FHWA Division Administrator Vince Mammano gave a firm statement on favor of Buy America provisions.
- Self-Help Counties Coalition Chair Anne Mayer introduced Buy America topic from the opposite perspective. Eric Shen of the Port of Long Beach testified that the Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement project includes a very significant amount of funding and that if the project’s utility relocation Buy America issue is not resolved timely, the daily cost of delay could range from $162,000 to $167,000.
- Transportation Agency Deputy Secretary Brian Annis provided an update on the California Transportation Infrastructure Priorities. It’s a follow-on effort to the Statewide Transportation System Needs Assessment work that the CTC had done in 2011 and 2012. It kicked off April 19th. There is a 50-person working group with 5 subgroups: highway, rail/mass transit, active transportation, streets and roads, and goods movement. Mr. Annis said they will be discussing long-term funding sources, and priorities, such as state of pavement, bridges, the SHOPP, and HOV gap closures.
- Allocation votes approved:
  - $115.0 million in Prop 1A High Speed Passenger Train Bond funds for Regional Connector (Caltrans also made a delegated allocation of $149 million in Prop 1B Public Transportation Modernization Improvement and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA) funds during the same week, for a total of $264 million allocated. Having the state funds fully secured will help facilitate a New Starts Full Funding Grant Agreement for the project.)
  - $49.5 million Prop 1B State and Local Partnership Program for Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor.
  - $45.4 million Regional Improvement Program funds for Light Rail Vehicles – year 3 of a 6-year funding program.
  - $550,000 Transportation Enhancements funds for Willowbrook Area Pedestrian Improvement
  - $454,000 Transportation Enhancements funds for North County Bikeways Near Santa Clarita