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Dear Mr. Myers:

Please add an item to the September 1, 2016 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

DISCUSSION

Caltrans is pleased to present the update to the California Transportation Plan, or CTP 2040. The CTP 2040 provides a long-range policy framework to meet our future mobility needs and reduce emissions. It represents the first attempt to combine and reconcile a range of existing policies, rules, and regulations. It reflects a shift in mindset by emphasizing healthy, more sustainable, lower-impact alternatives to driving single occupant vehicles. It recommends focusing on “fix it first” approaches to highway system management and preservation, while limiting capacity expansion to only the most strategic investments. It provides agencies and local governments a guide for how to meet state requirements under existing policies.

The CTP establishes a shared Vision for California’s transportation system:

California’s transportation system is safe, sustainable, universally accessible, and globally competitive. It provides reliable and efficient mobility for people, goods, and services, while meeting the State’s greenhouse gas emission reduction goals and preserving the unique character of California’s communities.

BACKGROUND

California’s landmark Global Warming Solution Act, Assembly Bill (AB) 32 (Nuñez, 2006), requires reducing the State’s GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, and continued reductions beyond 2020. Executive Order (EO) S-3-05 (2005) requires continued reduction of transportation-related GHG emissions to a new standard of 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

Senate Bill (SB) 391 (Liu, 2009) requires Caltrans to update the CTP every five years while showing how the state will achieve the statewide GHG reduction to meet the goals of AB 32 and EO S-3-05.

*“Provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system
to enhance California’s economy and livability”*

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SUMMARY

The CTP 2040 outlines goals, policies, strategies, performance measures, and recommendations to achieve the established Vision. Additional details, including a summary of CTP Goals, are included in the attached Fact Sheet and summary memo. This policy framework may help guide local agencies and jurisdictions in transportation decision making. Its aim is to help ensure that policy decisions and investments will work congruently with CTP 2040 Goals. For the full document and associated materials, Google search “CTP 2040.”

Sincerely,
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