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MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure Committee – Contra Costa County

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SUBJECT: TWIC Report

State Budget Trailer Bill Approved by Governor - Transportation

Following the Governor's approval of the 2017 State Budget on June 27, the Governor addressed several "trailer bills" in July. The key trailer bill related to transportation issues, SB 103, was approved by the Governor on July 27 providing for further policy framework for the Advanced Mitigation Program (AMP - important protections for the East Contra Costa County HCP/NCCP) and the state's new Freight Trade program.

SB 103: Freight Trade Corridor and Advance Mitigation Authority.

This measure contains detailed programmatic direction for both the freight and advance mitigation elements funded by SB 1.

SB 1 Guidelines

SB 1 increased the role of the California Transportation Commission (Commission) in a number of existing programs, and created new transportation funding programs for the Commission to oversee. The development of guidelines is a key initial step for making funding allocations and will include workshops open to all interested parties.

In addition, SB 1 similarly increased the role of CalSTA in several policy and program areas, specifically, TIRCP that will also follow current law that authorizes the state to program 5 years of major transit related projects. Additionally, CalSTA will also speed the development of the Commuter and Passenger Rail guidelines in order to move those funds to recipient agencies.

(Note: *The accompanying Appendix provides a guide to the many program guidelines under development by the CTC and CalSTA*)

Regional Measure 3 - SB 595 (Beall)

Legislation to establish Regional Measure 3 (RM 3) was approved by the Assembly Transportation committee on July 18 and is now in the possession of the Assembly Appropriations committee;

The bill requires the nine Bay Area counties to conduct a special election to increase the toll rate charged on state-owned bridges within the region to be used to meet the funding obligations associated with an unspecified number of projects and transportation programs.

Working with MTC, local transportation agencies adopted RM 3 priority project lists.

The bill was amended on July 3 to specify that the regional toll can be raised up to \$3 and to provide election law specifications to how the regional vote would be conducted.

After a contentious series of discussions, a spending plan was added to the bill as it passed the Transportation committee. East Bay Counties continue to seek a more balanced expenditure plan.

Autonomous Vehicles

The Livermore-Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) has worked with Assemblymember Baker to introduce AB 1444, which authorizes LAVTA to undertake a pilot within the City of Dublin for shared Autonomous Vehicles (SAV). The intent is to better connect parking facilities with BART.

The bill is pending approval on the Senate Floor.

Cap and Trade

With the approval of the transportation-funding package, the focus of turned to the extension of the Cap and Trade program. The governor lead successful negotiations that resulted in still legislation to the extend the cap and trade program.

Cap and Trade Auction Mechanism Reauthorization Bills

AB 398 (E. Garcia) – Reauthorization vehicle for auction mechanism.

Status: Approved by Governor

AB 617 (C. Garcia) – Adds improved air pollution data collection and strengthens pollution control retrofit requirements

Status: Approved by Govenror