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INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT (IIJA) WORKING GROUP MEETING NOTES – August 4, 2022

Start Time: 11:00 am

End Time: 12:00 pm

Attendees: IIJA Contact Group

INTRODUCTION:

- Opening remarks from CalSTA Secretary Toks Omishakin
  - Secretary Omishakin acknowledged the contribution everyone has made to IIJA Implementation over the last 10-months, specifically the Caltrans leadership and CalSTA Team.
  - Director Tavares was welcomed to the Working Group.
  - The National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program (NEVI) Deployment Plan was submitted to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on August 1. Continued coordination efforts will take place on NEVI Formula Program estimated at \$384 million over five years.
  - FHWA released performance rulemaking last month on GHG Measures, providing states a framework that will be discussed over the coming months.
  - Three new Ferry NOFOs came out last month estimated at \$285 Million. Applications are DUE Sept 6.
  - Reconnecting Communities pilot NOFO provides for \$1 billion over 5 years.
  - Secretary Omishakin strongly encouraged communication of successes of IIJA (e.g., Jobs, Safety, Equity), highlighting achievements and priorities with historic investment by the state (\$15 billion from General Fund).
- Opening remarks from Caltrans Director Tony Tavares
  - Director Tavares appreciated the kind remarks and is looking forward to highlighting IIJA successes and emphasizing the need to work collaboratively with our partners.
- Opening remarks from Jeanie Ward-Waller, Caltrans Deputy Director
  - Nothing more to add.
- Opening remarks from Vince Mammano, FHWA California Division Administrator
  - Elissa Konove (CalSTA) will assume the role of FHWA's Deputy Administrator.
  - FHWA wants to understand state and local needs to provide more unique help and assistance, including IIJA Funding and additional resources to share with your partners.
  - FHWA would like to see larger joint grants for programs like Safe Streets and Roads than smaller individual grants.

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#### SUB-WORKING GROUP UPDATES:

Nicole Longoria (CalTrans Federal Liaison)

- Keith Duncan, lead for our Overall Funding Split Sub-Working Group, will probably reconvene the group in late September regarding next year's funding splits. This will allow us to wrap up the current Federal Fiscal Year, and give us some time to receive any further updates from FHWA for the upcoming new Federal Fiscal Year.
- We are working on a policy narrative to tie together the outcomes of our Sub-Working Groups and to communicate where we are with implementing the federal bill as we near the 1-year anniversary of its enactment. Look for this in the October-November timeframe.
- **Local Hire/Contracting** – The sub-working group has 46 members, 26 that are really active. The sub-working group is looking to develop strategies, next steps focused on local hire ordinances, action plans, and training and workforce development. Currently creating a task group to narrow down and focus on local hire.
- **Transition to Zero-Emissions** – Submitted NEVI Deployment Plan on Aug 1. Plan is scheduled to be approved by FHWA September 30. The team continues efforts with deployment. Pre-selection workshop are planned for September, with continued public engagement efforts in communities and tribal partners. Working on grant process for late 2022 early 2023. First changers ready Fall 2024 and NEVI completion expected by 2030.
- **Transit and Commuter Rail / Intercity Passenger Rail** – Had combined meetings of both sub-working groups. Have made progress in identify issues in applying IJJA funding. Have Draft Action Plans in review with executive leadership. Keeping group updated about CRISI and other Federal and State funding and partnership opportunities. **Next meeting in September.**
- **Reimagining Highway Investment / Carbon Reduction Program** – Working on local and state partnership on carbon reduction. Supporting local agencies to get funding out this fiscal year. Working to get a program manager on board to lead this work. Continue focus on state share of funding and strategies on use of funding.
- **Freight/Goods Movement** – New requirements adds 7 new elements to the prior 10. Freight Plan was every 5-years, now 4-years. Just released the Statewide Truck and Parking study. The study focuses on equity, climate change, COVID, etc. Starting outreach and engaging with Air Protection Communities, rural county task force, and tribal. Will also be checking in with the CA Fright Advisory Committee in September. Draft State Freight Plan expected in Feb-Mar 2023. Plan to submit to FHWA in July 2023.

#### OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Amar Cid (CalTrans) mentioned their sub-working group are working on equity documents. Interagency Advisory Committee goes lives for September for those who want to inquire. First meeting is likely December.
- Rob Pashat (Capital Corridor) inquired about the Grade Separation Program. Specifically, on how better to improve approach to collaborate on state priorities.

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- Chad Riding (CaTrans) suggested this topic could be added to the Sub Working Group agenda in September.
- Others weighed in and agreed to the suggestion by Chad.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- Ryan, Nicole, and Giles to follow-up with participants
- A copy of this memo and all slide decks will be posted on the CalSTA IJJA website
- The next meeting will take place in approximately 6 weeks.
- For any further questions, please email [ryan.greenway@dot.ca.gov](mailto:ryan.greenway@dot.ca.gov) or [nicole.longoria@dot.ca.gov](mailto:nicole.longoria@dot.ca.gov)