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INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT (IIJA) WORKING GROUP MEETING NOTES – May 11, 2022

Start Time: 11:00 am

End Time: 11:40 pm

Attendees: IIJA Contact Group

INTRODUCTION:

- Opening remarks from CalSTA Undersecretary Elissa Konove
 - Currently an active notice out for the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (which combines INFRA, MEGA, and Rural grants); deadline for submission is Monday, May 23rd

REMARKS:

- Randy Warren, FHWA Acting Deputy Division Administrator, is replacing Paul Schneider, who recently retired from the FHWA
- Giles Giovinazzi, Senior Adviser to the CalSTA Secretary
 - Multiple NOFOS due in May (Port Infrastructure, Multimodal Projects, Public Transpo on Indian Reservations, Low or No Emission AND Bus and Bus Facilities, Bridge Investment Program)
 - New meeting schedule, the IIJA Working Group will meet every 6 weeks instead of every 3

WORKING GROUP OVERVIEW:

- Nicole Longoria, Federal Liaison at Caltrans
 - Tony Dang's Transition to Zero Emissions group will meet on **Monday, May 16th**
 - The Climate Resilience and Adaptation group had its kick-off meeting on **Thursday, May 12th**
 - The next Reimagining Highway Investments / Carbon Reduction Program group meeting will be held on **Monday, May 16th from 1 pm – 2 pm**
- Keith Duncan, Overall Funding Split Group Lead
 - Funding Split group met on April 27th, calculated the state/local splits from IIJA funds
- Michael Johnson, Fix-it-First Group Lead
 - Draft action plan has been released, and would prefer comments to be submitted to CT-TAM@dot.ca.gov no later than **COB Friday, May 13th**
- Simran Bains, Safety Group Lead
 - The safety sub-working group (Rob Peterson) provided an update on the kick-off meeting, which will take place on **Tuesday, May 24th**, during the previous CalSTA meeting. The group will begin meeting again soon.

- Amar Cid, Tribal/Equity Group Lead
 - The previously separate groups of Tribal and Equity have combined, and had their 2nd meeting last week
 - Moving forward with Equities Priorities document to be sent out to group for review
 - Reconnecting communities will have webinar on **Thursday, May 19th** to learn more from federal guidance
- Momo Tamaoki, Transit/Intercity Rail & Passenger Rail Group Lead
 - Next meeting will be on **Friday, May 20th** on equity discussions, invited Amar
- Jeanie Ward-Waller, Caltrans Deputy Director of Planning and Modal Programs
 - “For the Reimagining Highway Investment work group, I’ll just reiterate what Nicole already shared. Our next work group meeting is **Monday, May 16th at 1 pm** and we’ll cover more details from the recently released FHWA guidance.”

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Michael Harroldson: Will the transit and intercity rail sub-working groups combined from now on, or was it a joint meeting for a specific purpose?
 - Momo Tamaoki – The groups were combined just for this meeting, but will remain separate for planning purposes
- “Question for Keith or others: Any updates/next steps on finalizing the FY22 funding split and apportionments? I had to step away, so I apologize if I missed that.”
 - Keith Duncan - We have support from CalSTA, general budget process will be sending letter to increase budget for next fiscal year, cement necessary funding for 40% apportionment
- Rob Padgette – “Can you describe at a high-level areas of emphasis for the carbon reduction program?”
 - Keith Duncan – For the Funding Split working group, we’re still overseeing guidelines from our federal partners, still in evaluation stage
 - Nicole Longoria – Jeanie’s meeting on **Monday, May 16th from 1 pm – 2 pm** will give an update on FHWA guidance
- Jose Luis Caceres – “How fast is ASAP for bridge apportionment funds? Who makes the decision?”
 - Keith Duncan – It’s a collaborative process, but the sub-working groups bear the onus to answer how to interpret guidelines
 - Offered to circle back on local assistance program
- Ken Kershner – “Which of these programs are relevant for scale ped and bike infrastructure projects?”
 - Keith Duncan – The Surface Transportation Block Grant and Carbon Reduction Programs would be the most applicable, but can circle back offline concerning specific projects
 - Nicole Longoria– The Active Transportation sub-working group (led by Tony Dang + Janice Benton) is the space where those projects will be discussed

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MEETING ADJOURNED:

- Eric to follow-up with participants via email
- A copy of this memo will be posted on the CalSTA IJJA website
- The next meeting will take place on **June 24th from 11 am – 12 pm PST**
- For any further questions, please email eric.furth@calsta.ca.gov or nicole.longoria@dot.ca.gov