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INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT (IIJA) WORKING GROUP MEETING NOTES – October 28, 2022

Start Time: 3:05 pm

End Time: 4:00 pm

Attendees: IIJA Contact Group

INTRODUCTION:

- Opening remarks from Caltrans Director Tony Tavares
  - Director Tavares extended appreciation and gratitude to the hard work, partnership, and collaboration that has driven the IIJA implementation.
  - Caltrans stands ready with you and all our partners to plan and deliver an equitable, safe, and sustainable program of projects that addresses the transportation needs of the State.
  - Approaching the one-year mark of IIJA, since the enactment we have held 12 meetings up to 400 participants in one meeting.
  - The 12 Sub Working Groups (SWGs) have had over 50 meetings with hundreds of participants.
  - California's IIJA discretionary grant awards that have been announced since our last Working Group meeting:
  - The Maritime Administration announced Port Infrastructure Development Program grant awards were announced to bolster infrastructure at six key California ports with a focus on electrification, emissions reduction, and port congestion. Those include:
    - Port of Oakland: \$36.6 million
    - Port of Long Beach: \$30.1 million
    - Port of Stockton: \$9.6 million
    - Port of San Francisco: \$9.6 million
    - Crescent City Harbor District: \$7.4 million
    - City of Eureka: \$650,000
  - Tehama County received a \$320,000 rural planning grant from the FHWA's Bridge Investment Program.
  - The San Diego Unified Port Authority District received a \$5.5 million dollar grant from the Maritime Administration's America's Marine Highway Program.
  - Our collaborative State Route 11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry Project with SANDAG, and other state and federal partners, Caltrans, was awarded a \$150 million from the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant. Caltrans, SANDAG and California Delegation signed historic partnering agreement between California and Mexico that facilitates the movement of people and freight at the border.

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- Lastly, Director Tavares recognized CalSTA Secretary Toks Omishakin for who recently signed a pledge with 5 other state department of transportation chief executives as part of their commit to expanding equity opportunities. Those state DOTs – representing the District of Columbia, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, and Michigan, along with Secretary Omishakin for California – pledged to create opportunities for historically underutilized businesses or HUBs as they disburse IIJA funding. Although Secretary Omishakin could not be here with us today, I want to acknowledge his leadership to ensure that all people get a chance at the opportunities these IIJA infrastructure projects provide.
- Opening remarks from Elissa Konove, FHWA California Deputy Administrator
  - Funding apportionments for federal formula funding have been issued. Over \$5 billion for California 2022.
  - Large Bridge Grant program anticipated for later this year 2022.
  - Other grant award announcements include Climate Challenge participants. Caltrans was awarded for three projects.
  - NOFOs Opportunities:
    - Culvert Removal and Restoration Grants are opening right now.
  - As HQ works through new IIJA programs they continue develop guidance and fact sheets. Please check [USDOT](#) and [FHWA](#) for additional guidance and new releases.
  - DOTs must complete vulnerable road user assessment – key guidance coming soon.
  - Carbon Reduction of Truck Emissions at port facilities updates.

#### SUB-WORKING GROUP UPDATES:

- Nicole Longoria (Caltrans Federal Liaison)
  - December 5th from 3 pm to 4pm is the next IIJA Working-Group meeting. The IIJA Policy Narrative is underway. Hope to have it approved and ready soon – coming November 2022. Equity Priorities document - We will work internally with Caltrans and discuss how other SWGs can integrate the information and how they can use it in their action plans as well. Amar Cid will present the Equity Priorities document at the next Working-Group meeting.
  - **Climate Resilience and Adaptation Sub-Working Group** - Erika Espinosa Araiza (Caltrans) provided an update. July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting focused on SB 28 and the use of PROTECT Funds:
    - Included funds for Transportation Climate Adaptation Planning Grant Program
    - Gathered local agency input on the draft guidelines and they are now out for public comment for the end of October 2022.
    - The October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting focused on the Climate Adaptation Project Program or SB198. Meeting provided feedback and opportunities for comments and questions from SWG Members.
    - CTC is holding additional workshops for the Climate Adaptation Project Program on the development of the guidelines.
    - FHWA Climate Challenge Awards are provided in the chat:  
<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/infrastructure/climatechallenge/projects/index.cfm>

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- <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/transportation-planning/regional-planning/sustainable-transportation-planning-grants>
- **Local Hire and Contracting Sub-Working Group** - David DeLuz (Caltrans) provided an update. Draft of recommendations are now in our Action Plan. Created a sub-group to develop a set of recommendations to identify challenges and create a list of industry best practices.
  - Work product still needs a lot of input and work – headed back to our partners to make sure we understand our challenges and how we can implement local hire and community benefits agreements successfully.
  - We are working to come up with additional input from construction and labor partners to understand our options and gather input.
  - Looking to have our input gathered by late November
- **Intercity Rail and Transit and Commuter Rail Sub-Working Group** - Momoko Tamaoki (Caltrans) provided an update. Working to prepare final draft for both SWGs. Given the transit and rail complexities, and the opportunities presented by IJJA this work is taking longer than anticipated. We are in our internal review process and will discuss with our members at our next meeting in December 2022.
  - FRA has presented on the Corridor ID program – pipeline to develop intercity rail projects.
  - FRA expected to announce the Call for Submission late this year 2022.
  - Caltrans is currently hosting discussions with JPAs and others looking to expand rail projects according to the SRP.
- Nicole Longoria (Caltrans Federal Liaison) request other SWG Leads share on their progress. No other sub-working group teams provided any updates.

#### OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Michael Harroldson (Air Resource Board) asked questions on IJJA. What are the opportunities for state agencies to receive IJJA funds? CARB has a lot of infrastructure projects – what is the process? Should it be through legislation? What are processes for new programs to receive funding? Nicole (Caltrans Federal Liaison) responded that Caltrans is working with CARB and Energy Commission on NEVI and how to implement this program. Some combining of resources of State funded programs that are parallel with IJJA and other State planning documents. There are some partnership opportunities – we will follow up offline to discuss more.
- Michael Johnson (Caltrans) mentioned that the Fix it first Action Plan should be up and available on the CalSTA website shortly.

#### MEETING ADJOURNED:

- Ryan and Nicole to follow-up with participants.
- A copy of the notes and all slide decks will be posted on the CalSTA IJJA website.
- The next meeting will take place on December 5, 2022, from 3 pm to 4 pm.
- 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)