

AGENDA: August 16, 2007

TO: Regional Transportation Commission
FROM: George Dondero, Executive Director
RE: Carl Guardino, California Transportation Commission
Roundtable discussion

INFORMATION ONLY

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) receive a presentation from Carl Guardino, California Transportation Commission (CTC), and provide input to Mr. Guardino on local transportation priorities and activities to leverage State funds.

BACKGROUND

Earlier this year, Governor Schwarzenegger appointed Carl Guardino to serve on the nine-member California Transportation Commission (CTC). Mr. Guardino is the CEO of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, a public policy trade association that represents more than 200 employers. He has been instrumental in the success of several transportation ballot measures in the Bay Area and the state. He is only the second CTC commissioner from Silicon Valley in the panel's 30-year history. He began his four-year term on the CTC March 1.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Guardino has been meeting with various groups throughout the greater Bay Area to hear concerns and priorities regarding transportation issues in their jurisdictions and communities and to provide information on regarding his goals as a Commissioner. This spring Mr. Guardino met with the County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Guardino is seeking feedback in four specific areas:

- A. traffic relief priorities
- B. road safety issues
- C. priorities for transit and other options to the automobile, and
- D. local strategies to leverage limited state transportation funds.

The California Transportation Commission is responsible for allocating billions of dollars of transportation funds throughout the state annually and for establishing policies and guidelines for various programs implemented by the RTC. Programs and funds overseen by the CTC include the following (*italics indicate a project funded from the indicated source*):

- Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Guidelines
- State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
- State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP)

- Various Proposition 1B programs including:
 - Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) – *Highway 1 Soquel-Morrissey Auxiliary Lane Project*
 - State-Local Partnership Program
 - Trade Corridor program
- Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) – Metro’s *Pacific Station project*
- Implementation of AB 32 Greenhouse Gas Emissions guidelines

SUMMARY

Carl Guardino, California Transportation Commission, will be at the meeting to provide information on his goals as a Commissioner and to hear from RTC commissioners on local transportation priorities and current activities that will help leverage State funds.

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