

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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From: MITCH WEISS, Executive Director

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Subject: Hearing on the 2020 Local Partnership Program Guidelines

Summary:

The 2020 Local Partnership Program Guidelines (Guidelines) (included as Attachment B under Reference Number 4.20) describe the policy, standards, criteria, and procedures for the development, adoption, and management of the Local Partnership Program. The Guidelines address legislative requirements, incorporate input received from various stakeholders, and include California Transportation Commission (Commission) procedures for programming and project delivery.

The Guidelines were prepared in consultation with the California Department of Transportation, regional transportation planning agencies, local agencies, and other transportation stakeholders.

The Local Partnership Program Guidelines may be amended by the Commission after conducting at least one public hearing. This public hearing is conducted to receive final comments on the proposed 2020 Local Partnership Program Guidelines prior to Commission adoption.

Staff held seven public workshops throughout the state to solicit stakeholder input. The draft Guidelines were presented to the Commission at the January 29, 2020 meeting. An additional workshop was held on February 14, 2020 to receive further stakeholder input.

Revisions to the Guidelines since the January 29, 2020 Commission meeting are based on stakeholder input received at the February 14, 2020 workshop.

These revisions include the following:

- Clarify when eligible taxing authorities that receive voter-approval for new tax measures, tolls, or fees **after** adoption of the formulaic funding will receive formulaic program funding.
- Clarify matching requirements for soundwall only projects.
- Clarify the allocation adjustment process for formulaic program projects.

Background:

On April 28, 2017, the Governor signed legislation creating the Local Partnership Program (Senate Bill 1 [Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017]), Assembly Bill 115 (Chapter 20, Statutes of 2017) clarified Senate Bill 1 language regarding local and regional transportation agency eligibility and expanded the types of projects eligible for the program. Senate Bill 1 authorizes \$200 million annually to fund the Local Partnership Program.

The Local Partnership Program provides funding to counties, cities, districts, and regional transportation agencies in which voters have approved fees or taxes dedicated solely to transportation improvements or that have imposed fees, including uniform developer fees, dedicated solely to transportation improvements. Funding for the Local Partnership Program is divided into two programs: the formulaic program and the competitive program.