

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **OVERVIEW OF THE CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2050 AND MODAL UPDATES ON THE INTERREGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC PLAN AND CALIFORNIA FREIGHT MOBILITY PLAN**

SUMMARY:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) will be presenting an overview of the California Transportation Plan, the Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan, and the California Freight Mobility Plan to the California Transportation Commission (Commission) at its March 25-26, 2020 meeting, as an informational item.

BACKGROUND:

The California Transportation Plan (CTP) is a long-range, statewide multimodal transportation plan with a 20-year forecast and is carried out in a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process under 23 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Part 450.200 and CFR 450.216. The Department is required to update the CTP every five years, as required by California Government Code (GC) Section 65071. The CTP 2050 will have a statewide vision of an innovative, accessible, sustainable, and integrated multimodal transportation system and address all Federal and State requirements. Informing the CTP 2050 also develops statewide policies that meet California's transportation needs in a safe, efficient, and sustainable way while informing the goals and projects of the six modal plans. In turn, the policy informs the development of the Department's specific modal plans, like the Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan (ITSP). The CTP 2050 will be completed by December 31, 2020.

The ITSP is one of the modal plans that identifies how the CTP will be implemented by providing guidance for the identification and prioritization of interregional State Highway and intercity rail projects. The ITSP promotes the State of California's role of improving interregional mobility and providing opportunity for efficient goods movement while highlighting critical planning considerations such as system planning, complete streets, sustainability, and climate change. GC Section 14524.4 states the ITSP shall be consistent

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with the CTP. Therefore, the ITSP is expected to be finalized after the CTP 2050 is completed, with an expected approval of March 2021, to guide the development of the 2022 Interregional Transportation Improvement Program.

The California Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP) is the first complete update to the original CFMP (2014), and is a statewide, long-range plan for California's freight transportation system. In 2018, an Addendum to the 2014 CFMP was developed to be FAST Act compliant. The California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), as stated in GC Section 13978.8(a), is to prepare a state freight plan that complies with the relevant provision of 49 U.S.C. Section 70202, which provides a comprehensive plan to govern the immediate and long-range planning activities and capital investments of the state with respect to the movement of freight. CalSTA shall also establish a freight advisory committee (GC Section 13978.8[b][1]), and the Commission shall have a representative on the committee. The Secretary of CalSTA assigned responsibility for drafting the CFMP to the Department in consultation with the California Freight Advisory Committee (CFAC) formed in compliance with GC Section 13978.8. However, CalSTA still has approval authority over the freight plan. The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) (49 U.S.C. 70202[e][1]) and the California GC Section 13978.89(d) mandates that the State update its freight plan at least every 5 years in order to obligate freight formula funds under 23 U.S.C. Section 167.