

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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From: MITCH WEISS, Executive Director

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Subject: Hearing on the State Highway Operation and Protection Program Guidelines

Summary:

The State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) Guidelines describe the policy, standards, criteria, and procedures for the development, adoption, and management of the SHOPP. In accordance with the adopted SHOPP Guidelines, the guidelines may be amended after conducting at least one public hearing.

The draft SHOPP Guidelines were presented at the May 2020 California Transportation Commission (Commission) meeting. Commission staff held a workshop on the discussion draft SHOPP Guidelines on May 28, 2020. As a result of the comments received at that workshop, Commission staff proposes adding an additional requirement in the SHOPP Guidelines. To allow for meaningful public engagement early in project development, Caltrans will provide project-level information on a publicly accessible website when development work begins on proposed projects.

The purpose of this public hearing is to take final comments on the draft SHOPP Guidelines prior to the Commission's adoption of the amended SHOPP Guidelines under Agenda Reference Number 4.4.

Background:

Government Code Section 14526.5 requires the Commission to develop guidelines in consultation with the California Department of Transportation (Department). In June 2017, the Commission adopted the Interim SHOPP Guidelines. An amendment to the Interim SHOPP Guidelines was adopted at the October 2017 Commission meeting. At the June 2019 Commission meeting, the SHOPP Guidelines were updated. The currently proposed guidelines are a result of consultation with the Department, regional transportation planning agencies, and other stakeholders.