

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Subject: Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee Membership

Summary:

The Chair of the California Transportation Commission (Commission), in consultation with the Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency, has appointed Luis Quiñonez, President of the California Foundation for Commerce and Education, to be a member of the Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee. Senate Bill 1077 (DeSaulnier, 2014) established the first road usage pilot program in California. Senate Bill 1077 also directed the Chair of the Commission to create a Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee, in consultation with the Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency.

Background:

A vacancy was created on the Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee upon the retirement of one of its former members, Loren Kaye. Loren Kaye was the President of the Foundation for Commerce and Education and was appointed to represent the Business and Economy perspective on the Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). He served on the Road Charge TAC from 2014 – 2025. Luis Quiñonez is the current President of the California Foundation for Commerce and Education, the research affiliate of the California Chamber of Commerce. Luis brings more than 20 years of experience in public policy, public affairs, government relations, and research both in the public and private sectors. His expertise spans economic development, budget and taxes, housing, transportation, insurance, climate change and renewable energy, education, health care, international relations, immigration, and veteran's affairs.

Senate Bill 1077 (DeSaulnier, 2014) directs the Chair of the Commission to create a Road Charge TAC in consultation with the Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA). The Road Charge TAC shall consist of 15 members. The purpose of the Road Charge TAC is to guide the development and evaluation of a pilot program to assess the potential for mileage-based revenue collection for California's roads and highways as an alternative to the gas tax system, gather public comment on issues and concerns related to a road charge pilot program, and make recommendations to the Secretary of CalSTA for a pilot program. Four road usage charge pilot programs have been conducted in California to date, including the most recent Senate Bill 339 (Wiener, 2021) pilot program that concluded at the end of January 2025.