INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT (IIJA) WORKING GROUP MEETING NOTES – May 11, 2022
Start Time: 11:00 am
End Time: 11:40 pm

Attendees: IIJA Contact Group

INTRODUCTION:
• Opening remarks from CalSTA Undersecretary Elissa Konove
  o Currently an active notice out for the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (which combines INFRA, MEGA, and Rural grants); deadline for submission is Monday, May 23rd

REMARKS:
• Randy Warren, FHWA Acting Deputy Division Administrator, is replacing Paul Schneider, who recently retired from the FHWA
• Giles Giovinazzi, Senior Adviser to the CalSTA Secretary
  o Multiple NOFOS due in May (Port Infrastructure, Multimodal Projects, Public Transportation on Indian Reservations, Low or No Emission AND Bus and Bus Facilities, Bridge Investment Program)
  o New meeting schedule, the IIJA Working Group will meet every 6 weeks instead of every 3

WORKING GROUP OVERVIEW:
• Nicole Longoria, Federal Liaison at Caltrans
  o Tony Dang’s Transition to Zero Emissions group will meet on Monday, May 16th
  o The Climate Resilience and Adaptation group had its kick-off meeting on Thursday, May 12th
  o The next Reimagining Highway Investments / Carbon Reduction Program group meeting will be held on Monday, May 16th from 1 pm – 2 pm
• Keith Duncan, Overall Funding Split Group Lead
  o Funding Split group met on April 27th, calculated the state/local splits from IIJA funds
• Michael Johnson, Fix-it-First Group Lead
  o Draft action plan has been released, and would prefer comments to be submitted to CT-TAM@dot.ca.gov no later than COB Friday, May 13th
• Simran Bains, Safety Group Lead
  o The safety sub-working group (Rob Peterson) provided an update on the kick-off meeting, which will take place on Tuesday, May 24th, during the previous CalSTA meeting. The group will begin meeting again soon.
• Amar Cid, Tribal/Equity Group Lead
  o The previously separate groups of Tribal and Equity have combined, and had their 2nd meeting last week
  o Moving forward with Equities Priorities document to be sent out to group for review
  o Reconnecting communities will have webinar on Thursday, May 19th to learn more from federal guidance
• Momo Tamaoki, Transit/Intercity Rail & Passenger Rail Group Lead
  o Next meeting will be on Friday, May 20th on equity discussions, invited Amar
• Jeanie Ward-Waller, Caltrans Deputy Director of Planning and Modal Programs
  o “For the Reimagining Highway Investment work group, I’ll just reiterate what Nicole already shared. Our next work group meeting is Monday, May 16th at 1 pm and we’ll cover more details from the recently released FHWA guidance.”

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

• Michael Harrodson: Will the transit and intercity rail sub-working groups combined from now on, or was it a joint meeting for a specific purpose?
  o Momo Tamaoki – The groups were combined just for this meeting, but will remain separate for planning purposes
• “Question for Keith or others: Any updates/next steps on finalizing the FY22 funding split and apportionments? I had to step away, so I apologize if I missed that.”
  o Keith Duncan - We have support from CalSTA, general budget process will be sending letter to increase budget for next fiscal year, cement necessary funding for 40% apportionment
• Rob Padgette – “Can you describe at a high-level areas of emphasis for the carbon reduction program?”
  o Keith Duncan – For the Funding Split working group, we’re still overseeing guidelines from our federal partners, still in evaluation stage
  o Nicole Longoria – Jeanie’s meeting on Monday, May 16th from 1 pm – 2 pm will give an update on FHWA guidance
• Jose Luis Caceres – “How fast is ASAP for bridge apportionment funds? Who makes the decision?”
  o Keith Duncan – It’s a collaborative process, but the sub-working groups bear the onus to answer how to interpret guidelines
    ▪ Offered to circle back on local assistance program
• Ken Kershner – “Which of these programs are relevant for scale ped and bike infrastructure projects?”
  o Keith Duncan – The Surface Transportation Block Grant and Carbon Reduction Programs would be the most applicable, but can circle back offline concerning specific projects
  o Nicole Longoria– The Active Transportation sub-working group (led by Tony Dang + Janice Benton) is the space where those projects will be discussed
MEETING ADJOURNED:
• Eric to follow-up with participants via email
• A copy of this memo will be posted on the CalSTA IIJA website
• The next meeting will take place on June 24th from 11 am – 12 pm PST
• For any further questions, please email eric.furth@calsta.ca.gov or nicole.longoria@dot.ca.gov