

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: California Transportation Commission Meeting

MEETING DATE: August 17, 2006

AGENDA ITEM: 9

STAFF CONTACT: Jim Kemp, Steve VanDenburgh

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive report on plans for hosting the California Transportation Commission Meeting on September 6-7 in Santa Barbara.

DISCUSSION

On September 6-7, 2006, the California Transportation Commission will be holding its meeting in Santa Barbara. Their meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. on the 6th and recess at about 5:00 p.m. and will resume at approximately 8:30 a.m. on the 7th. The meetings will be held at the Fess Parker DoubleTree Hotel in Santa Barbara.

The CTC consists of nine members appointed by the Governor; all appointed to staggered four-year terms, and two non-voting ex-officio members, one from the State Senate and one from the State Assembly. The Commission is responsible for the programming and allocating of funds for the construction of highway, passenger rail and transit improvements throughout California. The Commission also advises and assists the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing Agency and the Legislature in formulating and evaluating state policies and plans for California's transportation programs. Information about the CTC as well as the meeting agenda (when it is posted later this month) can be found on their website: www.catc.ca.gov

It has been many years since the CTC has met in Santa Barbara and hosting the meeting will provide a unique opportunity to educate the commissioners, their staff and senior Caltrans staff on the transportation issues, challenges and opportunities in our region. In the past, SBCAG board members have expressed concern that the commissioners—none of whom are residents of our County—may not be familiar with transportation issues in our area. Board members have expressed a desire to find ways to more effectively partner with state agencies in addressing our transportation funding needs and hosting the commission meeting will help foster improved communication.

As it traditionally does, the CTC will provide SBCAG as the host regional agency with time on its agenda to make a presentation. CTC staff have indicated that the SBCAG presentation would likely be scheduled for the morning of August 7th shortly after the meeting begins at 8:30 a.m.

Member Agencies

Buellton ■ Carpinteria ■ Goleta ■ Guadalupe ■ Lompoc ■ Santa Barbara ■ Santa Maria ■ Solvang ■ Santa Barbara County

At the August 17 board meeting, staff will discuss proposed plans for hosting the CTC meeting and making a presentation to the CTC. Unfortunately, the CTC meeting conflicts with the League of Cities annual conference and some of the SBCAG board members will be unavailable.

COMMITTEE REVIEW:

None

