



**STAFF REPORT**  
Board Meeting of July 21,2021

**AGENDA ITEM:** 4-F  
**PREPARED BY:** Patricia Taylor, Executive Director

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**SUBJECT:**

California Federal Affairs – Partnership Letter

**Enclosure:** Yes

**Action:** Authorize MCTC to sign on to the California Federal Affairs – Partnership Letter

**SUMMARY:**

Earlier this year, as the federal transportation agenda began to emerge, Caltrans implemented its plan to reconvene the California Federal Affairs Working Group. This Working Group, comprised of the stakeholders in the State’s transportation system, whose members include the State of California, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Regional Transportation Planning Agencies, Tribal Governments, transportation providers, the private sector and labor.

As Congress continues its efforts to reauthorize surface transportation programs, the Working Group recommends six priority areas for inclusion as this important legislation moves forward. These priority areas are as follows (details are in the attached letter):

1. Transportation Resilience
2. Active Transportation
3. Zero-Emission Bus Grant Program
4. Financing
5. Transportation Equity
6. Goods Movement and Gateway Corridor Projects

The request to the California Congressional Delegation is to incorporate these priorities into the surface transportation authorization legislation, and to send the message that California is ready and willing to partner with the federal government to match increased federal infrastructure investment to help address the expanding needs of our evolving and complex transportation system.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact to the approved 2021-22 Overall Work Program and Budget.