



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of November 23, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: 4-F

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SUBJECT:

Draft Interim Caltrans System Investment Strategy (CSIS) Comment Letter

Enclosure: Yes

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has prepared a Draft Interim Caltrans System Investment Strategy (CSIS) for review and feedback. The CSIS is a strategic action item in the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI). Strategy (S) 4.1 of CAPTI directs Caltrans to develop and implement a new, data- and performance-driven approach to align Caltrans project nominations with the CAPTI Investment Framework.

The Draft Interim CSIS is a qualitative approach to satisfy S4.1. Caltrans is working to develop a data- and performance-driven CSIS, which will kick off in mid-2023. The Final CSIS will be developed with stakeholder and public engagement to ensure the data- and performance-driven method within the Final CSIS is equitably established to satisfy the diversity in the state of California.

The Draft CSIS was prepared without stakeholder input, and MCTC has requested that Caltrans work closely with stakeholders to revise the document. The rural rubric definitions for the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP), Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP), and the State-Sponsored Project Initiation Document (PID) do not necessarily reflect rural conditions. The TCEP and SCCP should have separate criteria to better reflect the intent and purpose of each program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2022-23 Overall Work Program and Budget.