

STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting of October 21, 2020

AGENDA ITEM: 5-E

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SUBJECT:

California Transportation Plan (CTP) 2050 Comment Letter

Enclosure: Yes

Action: Authorize Chair signature and submission of comment letter

SUMMARY:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has released a Draft California Transportation Plan (CTP) 2050 for public review and comment. The CTP 2050 is the State's long-range transportation plan and is updated every five years.

Caltrans stated purpose of the Draft CTP 2050 is to help guide the planning and implementation of a low-carbon transportation system that fosters economic vitality, protects the environment and natural resources, and promotes health and well-being equitably for all Californians. The CTP 2050 update will focus on meeting current and emerging trends and challenges affecting transportation, including economic and job growth, air quality and climate impacts, new technologies, freight movement, transportation funding, and public health. An ambitious plan will aim to address many objectives, such as:

- Improve travel times and ease traffic congestion
- Increase safety and security on bridges, highways, and roads
- Foster healthy lifestyles through active transportation
- Expand economic opportunities through the movement of people, freight, services, and information
- Create a low-carbon transportation system that protects human and environmental health

The Draft CTP 2050 is currently out for public review and the 60-day comment period will end on October 22, 2020. General information on the CTP 2050 may be found on the Caltrans website: Caltrans CTP 2050 Website

MCTC has prepared a draft comment letter for the Draft CTP 2050 and is enclosed for your review and approval.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2020-21 Overall Work Program and Budget.