STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of September 20, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: 4-J

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SUBJECT:

Caltrans System Investment Strategy (CSIS) 2.0

Enclosure: Yes

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

Caltrans is in the process of preparing the Caltrans System Investment Strategy (CSIS) 2.0 that intends to advance the State's goals and priorities through the development and implementation of the CSIS. The CSIS, which implements one of the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) key actions and is envisioned to be an investment framework through a data and performance-driven approach that guides transportation investments and decisions. This framework includes methodologies and processes for how Caltrans should invest billions of dollars in highly competitive fund programs that will address transportation deficiencies while also achieving the CAPTI Guiding Principles.

Caltrans released a previous Draft CSIS (1.0) without stakeholder input, such as Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). MCTC provided a comment letter in November 2022 requesting that Caltrans work closely with stakeholders to revise the document and that their rural rubric definitions did not necessarily reflect rural conditions. MCTC also suggested that the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) and Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) should have separate criteria to better reflect the intent and purpose of each program. The attached Caltrans response letter indicated that moving forward, Caltrans will develop a robust outreach and engagement plan in which stakeholder input will be a critical step. Additionally, Caltrans said they will work to address rural conditions during their outreach events.

Caltrans will be conducting two upcoming workshops regarding CSIS 2.0:

September 19 – Rural

September 21 – Urban

The CSIS 2.0 Public Review Draft is scheduled for release in October 2023.

Additional information on CSIS may be found on the Caltrans website at: https://dot.ca.gov/programs/transportation-planning/division-of-transportation-planning/corridor-and-system-planning/csis

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2023-24 Overall Work Program and Budget.