



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of February 17, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: 4-A

PREPARED BY: Patricia Taylor, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Letter of Support: Distribution of Federal H.R. 133 Highway Funds for California

Enclosure: Yes

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

The state was recently awarded \$900 million in discretionary federal transportation stimulus funding. Traditionally, these funds have been allocated to every MPO/RTPA in the state. The most recent example was ARRA in 2009. There is concern that may not be the case this time around. Regions across the state are weighing in on this with the preference being a "block grant" type allocation to our counties/MPOs for local discretion and flexibility.

Included in the MCTC Policy Board package is a copy of a letter signed by SJV Regional Policy Council, Chair Poythress, requesting that the \$900 million identified for California be allocated to regional agencies through the traditional Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) formula which provides flexible funding to help deliver critical projects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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