

Memorandum

To: Chair and Commissioners

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From: Diane C. Eidam

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Action

Ref: Draft Outline For 2002 Annual Report to Legislature

Issue:

Should the Commission adopt the outline for the 2002 Annual Report to the Legislature as prepared by Commission staff?

Recommendation:

Commission staff recommends that the Commission approve the draft outline of topics proposed for the 2002 Annual Report to the Legislature.

Background:

Government Code Section 14535 requires that the Commission “adopt and submit to the Legislature by December 15 each year, an annual report summarizing the Commission’s prior-year decisions in allocating transportation capital outlay appropriations, and identifying timely and relevant transportation issues facing the State of California.” The Annual Report consists of the following:

- Discussion of significant transportation issues expected to be of concern to the public and Legislature.
- Explanation and summary of major policies and decisions adopted by the Commission during the previously completed State and Federal fiscal year, with an explanation of any changes in policy associated with the performance of its duties and responsibilities over the past year.
- Discussion and summary of loans and transfers from the State Highway Account, cash-flow and project delivery impact of the loans and transfers, as well as guidance provided by the Commission to the Department of Transportation.

Outline for the 2002 Annual Report:

Attached is a draft outline of topics proposed for the 2002 Annual Report. Commissioners are asked to review this draft and offer any suggested changes they may have. The outline sets forth topics that staff intends to cover with a general notion of the report’s organization. Staff has already started drafting certain sections of the report. The sequence of topics and exact titles of sections may be adjusted as the report is written. Further, the outline may be augmented with items to be considered at the Commission’s November and December meetings.

Key issues for 2002 focus upon: building on the work of the Infrastructure Commission on the 21st Century, particularly with respect to making transportation and land use work together and the coordination of State and regional planning, priorities and programming. Other key issues include an assessment of the trends and outlook for transportation funding and delivery; an update on the current status and long term outlook for High Speed Rail; the Commission's continuing efforts related to the implementation of the Traffic Congestion Relief Program; implementing SCR 96 Global Gateways Program; reauthorization of federal surface transportation legislation (TEA-21); Intercity Rail; and continued efforts towards environmental streamlining.

Drafting of the Annual Report will be accomplished between the November and December meetings. Staff expects to mail a draft to Commissioners several weeks prior to the December meeting for review and comment. The Commission will be asked to act upon the 2002 Annual Report in December, giving direction to staff for any final changes, at that time, for transmittal to the Legislature in time for the start of the new legislative session soon after January 1, 2003.

Attachment

OUTLINE FOR 2002 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

VOLUME I – 2003 Issues

- A. Making Transportation and Land Use Work Together
- B. The Coordination of State/Regional Planning, Priorities and Programming
- C. Trends and Outlook for Transportation Funding and Delivery
- D. High Speed Rail: Current Status and Long–Term Outlook
- E. Continuing Efforts from 2001 Annual Report
 - Traffic Congestion Relief Program Outlook
 - Environmental Streamlining
 - Implementing SCR 96 Global Gateways Program
 - Intercity Rail
 - Reauthorization of Federal Surface Transportation Legislation

VOLUME II – 2002 Activity and Accomplishments

- A. Traffic Congestion Relief Program
- B. 2002 State Transportation Improvement Program
- C. 2002 Report on County and Interregional Share Balances
- D. Advanced Project Development Element
- E. Fiscal Year 2001/2002 Delivery
- F. State Highway Operations and Protection Program
- G. Rural Counties Report
- H. Aeronautics
- I. Airspace
- J. Federal Transportation Enhancement Activities Program
- K. Fiscal Year 2002/2003 Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program
- L. Proposition 116 Report
- M. Seismic Safety Retrofit Program Annual Report /Status of Proposition 192
- N. Intercity Rail
- O. Fiscal Year 02/03 Elderly and Disabled Transit Program