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Agenda Item # 3

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Action Requested: Receive and file

Key Staff: Jeffrey Spencer, Executive Director

At the direction of this board, we have met with many of the PAG members individually and in late February we convened a meeting with the entire PAG to discuss current and future transportation funding needs. All of the jurisdictions and agencies expressed the need for additional funding and stated that the projects they had identified for funding under Measure B were still among their top priorities.

Learning from Los Angeles, which passed a ½ cent transportation sales tax by 70.8% in November, they started their outreach process three years prior to the election. They stated "There wasn't anywhere we wouldn't go to educate the public." Their outreach message was consistent with our outreach efforts.

We continue to receive public records act requests as more people have taken interest in our work. The number of followers on our Facebook sites has increased by over 3,000 since last year with many sharing the information posted with their networks.

Also since the last Board meeting, the staff and I have been diligently looking at ways to manage the work of the STA in the most efficient ways. We have looked at cost-cutting measures and acted to protect the taxpayers' dollar. We have looked at reducing our monthly rent and other expenses, extending our relationships with the banks, providing information to improve our credit standings, and have an ongoing study of cash-flow to meet the needs of our partner agencies. We have implemented a simple and uniform progress report form for reporting progress on projects.

The ITOC has been meeting regularly and supervised the audit and approved our CAFR, which you will hear about in another agenda item. The STA has implemented a new ITOC website that continues to be populated with information on the committee's activities. The ITOC meeting in January was attended by members of the public as well as Caltrans. This meeting demonstrated how important the ITOC and their collective expertise is to STA and its mission as steward over millions of dollars in public funds.

Legislative Update

Leading the way to State transportation funding is a reconsideration of bills introduced by Assemblymember Frazier and Senator Beall. Both AB1 and SB1 request about \$1.5 Billion more than the proposal by the Governor. The goal is to pass a bill by April 6th, before the Legislature goes into spring recess. Upon their return they will be focused on the State budget bills.

AB 28, the NEPA Delegated Authority to Caltrans that helps streamline the environmental review process, will be eligible for a Senate floor vote March 13th, and a sunset provision of three years was added by the Senate. The bill will need to return to the Assembly for a concurrence vote which could happen March 16th, and then to the Governor's office for signature.

There are a number of bills that have come out since the beginning of this Legislative session. Attached is a list of bills that affect transportation. Many of these are focused on transportation funding, the environmental process, and transit support.

Cap-to-Cap

The annual Cap-to-Cap trip to Washington, DC is coming at the end of April. The Sacramento Metro Chamber leads an annual delegation of business, civic and political representatives to meet with our federal representatives and collectively promote the Capital Region. The STA has been able to provide minimal travel assistance in the past, but is unable to do so this year due to many demands on the constrained administration budget.

Upcoming Events for 2016

Sac Metro Chamber – Annual Capitol-to-Capitol	Apr 29-May 3, Washington, DC
2017 American Public Transportation Association – Bus & Paratransit Conference	May 7-10, Reno, NV
Self-Help Counties Coalition Town Hall	May 18, San Diego, CA
Automated Vehicles Symposium 2017	July 11-13, San Francisco, CA
UC Davis Institute of Transportation Studies' - 16th Biennial Asilomar Conference on Transportation and Energy	August 22-25, Pacific Grove, CA
Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) California Annual Conference	Sept 18-20, San Francisco, CA