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The following addresses various issues with respect to PCTPA.

### **TIGER Grant**

As of this writing, the U.S. Department of Transportation, contrary to its goal to announce the TIGER Grant selected projects by the end of the year, has still not done so. By law, the announcement/award deadline is no later than February 17, 2010.

As reported earlier, the Department received nearly 1,400 applications from all 50 states, territories and the District of Columbia vying for a share of \$1.5 billion DOT will award for innovative transportation projects that show significant economic and environmental promise for the nation, a region or metropolitan area. Note: California submitted 117 project applications totaling \$3.2 billion. Nationwide, there were 514 applications for projects under \$20 million totaling \$5.5 billion.

Of the \$57 billion in TIGER Grants requested, more than half of the applications are for highway or bridge projects, with the rest of the applications focusing on transit, railroad, port infrastructure, multimodal or other investments.

To review, on September 15, PCTPA submitted to the U.S. Department of Transportation a TIGER Grant application in the amount of \$18,203,000 for State Route 65 Lincoln Bypass Phase 2, to complete the Lincoln Bypass Project. Congressman McClintock sent a letter of support to Secretary LaHood.

### **FY11 Appropriations**

Members of Congress, as the first step in the FY11 appropriations process, are currently taking project funding requests. The deadline for submitting such requests to Senator Feinstein is

February 5 and to Senator Boxer is February 12. Congressman McClintock, as he did last year, is not accepting requests as he will not be pursuing earmarks in the appropriations process. PCTPA is currently preparing its submissions with the focus on the Lincoln Bypass Phase 2 and the rail improvements east of Sacramento, the former, in fact, supported and submitted by Congressman McClintock and the latter by Congresswoman Matsui as part of the reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU.

### **SAFETEA-LU Reauthorization**

The existing SAFETEA-LU program is currently extended until February 18, 2010. What happens after February 28 is not clear at this point. A Jobs Bill could have impact on reauthorization (included in the House-passed Jobs Bill is an extension of SAFETEA-LU until September 30, 2010); a further shift in the Senate's position on the duration of another extension from six months to nine months (or the end of FY10); continued assistance on the part of the House for a shorter extension until the spring, etc. Regardless of the extension situation, the House is committed to passing a bill this spring, and has gotten a commitment from the House Leadership pending final action on the healthcare reform bill.

To review, on April 29, PCTPA submitted to Congressman McClintock a request for \$4 million to help fund the construction of Phase 2A of the Lincoln Bypass on SR65 as it's a high priority project in the reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU. The Congressman submitted PCTPA's request to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. It was one of only four projects he submitted. In addition, PCTPA decided to cosponsor SACOG's high priority SAFETEA-LU project request of \$4 million from Congresswoman Matsui for the Roseville-Sacramento rail track improvements. The Congresswoman submitted \$3 million for the SACOG project to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Federal Advocates is coordinating advocacy of this issue with SACOG's DC representative. The Bypass Project at \$18.203M was also submitted to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and Senator Feinstein, per Senator Boxer's July 2009 "call for projects."

### **2010 Jobs Bill**

On December 16, by a vote of 217-212, the House passed the Jobs For Main Street Act of 2010. A summary of the Bill was attached in last month's report. In a recent survey of ready-to-go projects AASHTO reported 120 California highway projects totaling \$4 billion.

On Tuesday, January 27, the Senate released an outline of a proposed Senate jobs bill. Overall, the bill provides \$82.5B for jobs, compared to the \$150B in the House-passed bill. The bulk of the \$82.5B (\$75B) would be financed from unused TARP funds. Job categories include small business loans and tax credits (\$20.5B); infrastructure (\$29B); energy efficiency projects (\$12.5B); and public service jobs (\$20.5B). Draft legislative language is not yet available and the timing and prognosis of the bill are unclear.

In the FY11 President's Budget, to be submitted on February 1, a \$100B jobs bill proposal will be included.

## **Grants**

Federal Advocates will continue its grant solicitation service which includes reporting on a weekly basis of possible areas of grant interest; monitoring Federal agency grant announcements; assisting in the application for Federal grant funding; pursuing delegation support letters for grant application; pursuing meeting opportunities before the grant-awarding entity; and, assisting in the implementation process by ensuring appropriate contacts within the Federal agencies.

## **PCTPA D.C. Visit**

In April representatives of the Agency will be visiting D.C. primarily as part of the annual Cap-to-Cap trip. In addition to attending conference proceedings, meetings will be scheduled with the following offices regarding PCTPA's FY11 appropriations request and its SAFETEA-LU request: Congressman McClintock; House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Minority; Senators Feinstein and Boxer; and Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Majority and Minority.

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