

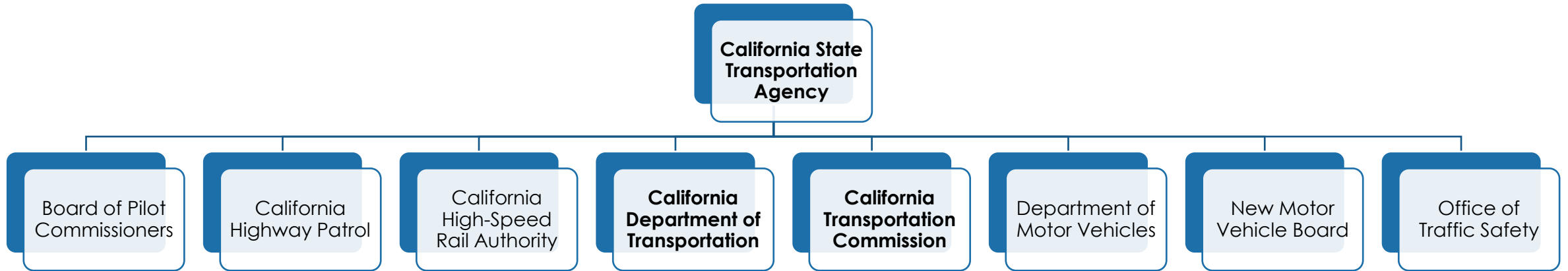
INTERAGENCY EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tab 7 – Introduction to CalSTA, Caltrans, and the Commission

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Agency Organization





California State Transportation Agency

The California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) leads people-first transportation programs and policies to enhance safety, equity, climate action and economic prosperity for all Californians.

CalSTA develops and coordinates California's transportation policies and programs to achieve the state's mobility, safety, equity, and environmental sustainability objectives.

CalSTA is comprised of California's eight state organizations that deliver transportation-related programs and services and support the movement of people and goods throughout the state.



CalSTA "Core Four" Priorities



Safety



Equity



Climate Action



Economic Prosperity

Key Programs and Initiatives

- Freight Policy
- Rail & Transit
- Environmental Policy & Housing Coordination
- Transportation Safety & Enforcement
- Innovative Mobility
- Equity & Workforce





California Department of Transportation

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is responsible for the design, construction, maintenance, and operation of the California State Highway System and Interstate Highway System. **This includes railroads, airports, shipping ports, light rail, and mass transit.**

Additional responsibilities:

- Supports intercity passenger rail service in California and promotes the use of alternative modes of transportation.
- Permits public-use airports and special-use hospital heliports.
- Works with local agencies, providing funding and oversight for transportation infrastructure projects on local roads by allocating funds from state and federal programs, while ensuring projects adhere to Caltrans standards and regulations.



Caltrans Key Divisions, Programs, and Offices

Planning and Modal

- Division of Aeronautics
- Division of Data and Digital Services
- Division of Local Assistance
- Division of Rail and Mass Transportation
- Division of Research Innovation and System Information
- Division of Transportation Planning
- Roadway Pricing

Maintenance and Operations

- Division of Equipment
- Division of Maintenance
- Division of Traffic Operations
- Division of Safety Programs

Project Delivery

- Division of Construction
- Division of Design
- Division of Engineering Services
- Division of Environmental Analysis
- Division of Project Management
- Division of Right of Way & Land Surveys
- Middle Mile Broadband Initiative

Offices

- Director's Office of Equity & Tribal Affairs
- Director's Office of Sustainability
- Legislative Affairs
- Public Affairs



Caltrans Geography

Caltrans operates **12 districts** statewide:

- 1 – Eureka
- 2 – Redding
- 3 – Marysville / Sacramento
- 4 – Bay Area / Oakland
- 5 – San Luis Obispo / Santa Barbara
- 6 – Fresno / Bakersfield
- 7 – Los Angeles / Ventura
- 8 – San Bernardino / Riverside
- 9 – Bishop
- 10 – Stockton
- 11 – San Diego
- 12 – Orange County





California Transportation Commission

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) funds highway, local road, transit, intercity passenger rail, active transportation, and general aviation projects throughout California.

The Commission advises and assists the California State Transportation Agency Secretary and the Legislature on state transportation policies and plans.

Executive Director acts as a liaison between the Commission and the Legislature, as well as the Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), the Director of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), regional transportation agencies, and other state agencies.

- 11 voting members and two ex officio, non-voting members.
- Holds public meetings throughout California.
- Holds town hall meetings and workshops across California.
- Reviews and approves projects for funding.



Commission Responsibilities

Approving Right-of-Way

- State highway relinquishments to local control
- Property condemnations
- New public road connections
- Leases for space underneath state highways

Developing and Coordinating Policy

- Sets transportation policies in program guidelines
- Guidelines developed through public workshops
- Statutory charge to advise Legislature and Secretary of Transportation on state transportation policy
- Two annual meetings with California Air Resources Board and California Department of Housing and Community Development



Funding Transportation Projects

Most programs have funding cycles that span multiple years. Responsibilities vary, but generally include:

- Developing guidelines
- Adopting programs of projects
- Allocating funds

Evaluating Performance Outcomes

Annually evaluate progress made by Caltrans toward meeting performance measures for the state highway system, including:

- Pavement and bridge conditions
- Regional and local agencies report on project outcomes

Other Major Responsibilities

- Approving toll facilities: Authority to approve proposals for high-occupancy toll lanes or other toll facilities.
- Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee: Responsible for assessing alternatives to the gas tax for generating state transportation revenues.



Questions?

