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Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: August 16-17, 2017

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Information Item

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Subject: **PRESENTATION ON THE 2018 DRAFT TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

SUMMARY:

An overview of the California State Transportation Agency's (CalSTA) Draft Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Guidelines will be given to the California Transportation Commission (Commission) by representatives from CalSTA at the August 2017 Commission meeting. This will be an informational item on the upcoming 2018 program cycle that will be a five-year program of projects. The five-year program is expected to have robust revenue of approximately \$2 billion due the recent enactment of Senate Bill 1 – the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, and Assembly Bill 398, which extended the Cap and Trade Program.

To view CalSTA's Draft Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Guidelines, please use the link provided: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/drrmt/docs/sptircp/2018ddguidelines.pdf>

BACKGROUND:

The Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) was created by Senate Bill (SB) 862 and modified by SB 9 to provide grants to fund transformative capital improvements that will modernize California's intercity, commuter, and urban rail systems and bus and ferry transit systems to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing congestion and vehicle miles travels throughout California.

The goal of the TIRCP, through its provision of monies to fund transformative capital improvements related to intercity rail, bus, ferry and rail transit systems, is to achieve the following goals:

- Reduction in greenhouse gas emissions;
- Expand and improve rail service to increase ridership;
- Integrate the rail service of the state's various rail operations, including integration with the high-speed rail system; and
- Improve safety.