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Dear Tatiana,

Thank you for Caltrans' comments on HCAOG's Draft Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Overall Work Program & Budget (OWP). We have incorporated your comments into our document where appropriate. This letter is the HCAOG response requested in your letter.

OWP Work Elements: The OWP has been revised to include a "previously completed work" section for all work elements (other than new work elements). Work that is continuing is covered in the tasks in each work element.

WE 4: Planning and Programming State Funds- Item 8 that was incomplete has been removed.

WE 13: Transit Development Plan Update- This work element has been updated to correct the starting date being in FY 2021-22. Minor revisions to the project purpose have been made for clarity. The project is expected to be completed by the 4th quarter of FY2022-23.

WE 14: Global Climate Change- Sea Level Rise- This work element has been updated to include a reference to climate change adaptation and resiliency in the purpose statement. The task "Research usage of E-Vehicles for impact on global climate change" now includes a reference to Executive Order N-79-20. The final comment in your letter on this work element was to include additional tasks and supporting information focused on how integrating transit planning with land use can facilitate climate goals of compact development, reduced vehicle trips and travel demand and lower GHG emissions in Humboldt County. This type of work is largely captured in the new WE 18 Vibrant Neighborhoods and the Land Use Transportation Connection. WE 18 has been updated to include more specific tasks.

WE 17: Active Transportation and Safety- An additional task has been added to emphasize first and last mile connectivity for transit. The Transit Development Plan Update in WE 13, will also include recommendations on first and last mile connectivity.

WE 20: HCAOG Website Update- This work Element has been updated to include more specific dates in the schedule column of the task table.

General Comments:

- The Information Element you provided is added to the OWP as an attachment. We are very receptive to receiving mid-year updates on Caltrans funded projects at the TAC and Board meetings. Please work with us at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting date you would like to present your information so that we can properly agendaize the item.
- The reminder to help facilitate transportation planning processes with transit agencies such as the Unmet Transit Needs process, short and long-range transit plans, coordinated public transit plans, ZEV planning, proper expenditure of TDA funds, and furthering transit goals through the transportation planning process is noted. Several of our work elements serve this purpose. They directly include WE 7: Research, Collaboration and Transit Planning Grant Development, WE 10: TDA Fund Management, WE 12: Unmet Transit Needs Process, and WE 13: Transit Development Plan Update. Additionally, the following work elements include tasks that overlap with transit planning: WE 11: RTP Implementation, WE 17: Active Transportation and Safety, and WE 18 Vibrant Neighborhoods and Land Use Transportation Connection.
- Page 7 and WE 15 has been changed to refer to FY 2022-23.
- The public participation process section on page 12 has been updated to include a reference to COVID -19 and the success of virtual and hybrid meetings. The date of the Public Participation Plan adoption has been updated.
- The Summary of Funding Needs Fiscal Year reference has been updated and the amount will be updated to reflect any carryover from FY 21-22 when available.

Thank you for your comments on HCAOG's FY 2022-23 OWP. If you have any questions about the changes we have made or the responses we have provided please let me know.

Regards,



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