

Hi, this is Chris Micheli with the Sacramento governmental relations firm of Aprea & Micheli, and an adjunct professor at McGeorge School of Law. Today's podcast is on the California Transportation Commission, also known by its acronym as the CTC.

The California Transportation Commission was established in state government by legislation enacted in 1977. The CTC began operations the following year. Its purpose is to ensure the implementation of a single transportation policy here in the State of California. Now, the CTC, when it began operations in 1978, actually assumed the duties of four prior state entities. The CTC is charged with programming and allocation funds for the construction of highway, passenger rail, transit, and active transportation improvements throughout the State of California.

The CTC is comprised of 11 members as well as two ex-officio members. Nine of its Commissioners are appointed by the Governor, one is appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, and the other is appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules. The CTC also advises the Secretary of the state's Transportation Agency, as well as the Legislature, regarding state policies and plans on California's transportation programs. The CTC also works on state and federal legislation in their efforts to secure financial stability for the state's transportation needs.

According to the CTC's mission statement, CTC is an independent public agency that's dedicated to ensuring a safe, financially sustainable, world-class multimodal transportation system that reduces congestion, improves the environment, and facilitates economic development throughout the efficient movement of people and goods.

The California Transportation Commission is found in Streets and Highways Code Division 1, Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 70. Note that the former California Highway Commission was abolished and in its place, the CTC was formed. According to Section 70.2 of the Streets and Highways Code, it's hereby declared to be the policy of the Legislature to provide for advanced planning and continuity of fiscal policy in the construction and improvement of the state's highway system, and in the administration of the expenditures from the state highway account. The Commission shall follow such policy insofar as possible.

According to the CTC it is responsible for undertaking the following activities: advising and assisting the Transportation Agency Secretary and the Legislature in formulating and evaluating state policies and plans; the state's transportation programs; adopting the biennial estimate of state and federal funds expected to be available for the STIP - the State Transportation Improvement Program - as well as the State Highways Operations and Protection Program - the SHOP funds - for adopting the the biennial five-year STIP itself; approving the CalTrans Transportation Asset Management Plan and adopting performance measures and targets to selecting projects for SHOP funds; adopting the biennial four-year SHOP itself; approving amendments to the SHOP program, the STIP, and other programs; reviewing commenting on the ten-year SHOP and five-year maintenance plan; establishing reporting requirements related to the funding received by city and county governments from the road maintenance and rehabilitation account; adopting the active transportation program; allocating state funds for capital projects; allocating funds for capital grants; allocating funds for CalTrans support costs for the SHOP; adopting guidelines, programming projects, and allocating funds and reporting on SB 1-funded programs from

2017; adopting guidelines for the California Transportation Plan as well as regional transportation plans; approving project proposals for HOT lanes, or high occupancy toll lanes, and other tolling facilities; and then approving rights of ways such as route adoptions, new public road connections, etc.

And then finally the CTC offers a number of different programs. And that is our brief look at the California Transportation Commission, again, generally referred to by its acronym, the CTC. Thanks for joining today's podcast. I hope you enjoyed it.