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INFORMATIONAL HEARING

**Update on the Administration's Efforts to
Develop an Integrated Freight Plan**

Monday, January 25, 2016
1:30 p.m. ♦ State Capitol, Room 4202

Hearing Participants' Biographies

**Brian Kelly, Secretary
California State Transportation Agency**

On July 1, 2013, Brian P. Kelly was sworn in as the first secretary of the new California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), which has replaced the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency (BT&H) with a new agency focused solely on transportation. Kelly had previously been running BT&H since March 2012 when Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. appointed him to lead that agency.

As Acting Secretary, he oversaw 12 departments and several economic development programs and commissions consisting of more than 45,000 employees and a budget of \$18 billion -- a budget larger than most states in the nation.

The new CalSTA portfolio remains one of the largest in the State of California. Its operations address the myriad transportation issues that directly impact the state's economic vitality and quality of life including public safety, construction and maintenance, and intercity and high-speed rail.

Kelly has been at the center of most of the major transportation policy decisions in the state of California for the past decade and a half, having served as chief transportation policy consultant for four successive Senate President pro Tempores.

Kelly was executive staff director for Senate President pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg since 2008. He was executive principal consultant for Senate President pro Tempore Don Perata from 2004 to 2008, principal consultant for Senate President pro Tempore John Burton from 1998 to 2004, and assistant consultant for Senate President pro Tempore Bill Lockyer from 1995 to 1998.

**Rob Oglesby, Executive Director
California Energy Commission**

Rob Oglesby is the Executive Director of the California Energy Commission. The Commission is the state's primary energy policy and planning agency. The Commission also licenses large power plants, sets appliance and building efficiency standards and administers about \$750 million annually funding energy efficiency, energy research and development, and alternative fuels and vehicles.

Rob began his career under the first Brown Administration Department of Economic and Business Development, and worked in the private sector for ten years on issues related to public finance, the environmental and economic development.

Immediately prior to joining the Energy Commission, Rob held several positions at the California Air Resources Board (ARB) where he served four Governors as an appointee and participated at a high level in virtually all major issues affecting air pollution and global warming over the past two decades. Rob's tenure at the ARB included the inception of the Low and Zero Emission Vehicle standards, adoption of reformulated gasoline and diesel fuel requirements, and development and implementation of the Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32).

**Richard Corey, Executive Officer
California Air Resources Board**

Mr. Corey has 28 years of professional experience in the air pollution field with over 20 years of that experience in a management capacity at ARB. Prior to his appointment as Executive Officer, he served as Deputy Executive Officer and Chief of the Stationary Source Division.

Mr. Corey's team of over 1200 professional managers and staff are responsible for a broad range of programs including those concerning fuels, climate, incentives, and air toxics. Some of the key programs that his team is responsible for implementing include the low carbon fuel standard, cap-and-trade regulation, measures and incentives to reduce emissions from a variety of goods movement sources, including port trucking, transport refrigeration units, cargo handling operations, maritime operations, rail-related goods movement, and measures to reduce emissions from stationary and portable diesel engines as well as several strategies to reduce toxic air contaminants from a wide variety of sources. In addition, Mr. Corey oversees the Board's administrative services and information technology operations.

Mr. Corey has an undergraduate degree in Environmental Toxicology as well as an MBA from the University of California, Davis.

**Kome Ajise, Chief Deputy Director
California Department of Transportation**

Kome Ajise is the Chief Deputy Director at the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), responsible for overseeing the internal operations for approximately 19,000 employees and an annual budget that exceeds \$1.1 billion.

Kome began his career with in 1987 in District 6 (Fresno) and has served in various assignments at both the district and HQ offices. From February 2001, he served as the North Region Environmental Division Chief until April 2004 when he was appointed as the District 10 Director in Stockton, California. The eight-county District 10 covers the central Sierras, including four trans-sierra mountain passes, and northern San Joaquin Valley is a goods movement gateway from the valley into the Bay Area and north. Between the years 2009-2012, he served as Program Manager for the public private partnerships before being appointed Deputy Director of Planning and Modal Programs in 2012 in Sacramento.

Kome has a BS degree in Geography and Regional Planning from the University of Benin, Nigeria, and a Master of City and Regional Planning degree from CSU Fresno.

**Panorea Avdis, Director
Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development**

Panorea Avdis serves as the Director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz), the state's lead entity for economic development and job creation efforts. Appointed by Governor Brown in 2012, Director Avdis has been instrumental in the restructure of California's economic development office.

Director Avdis' role entails direct oversight of some of the state's key economic development programs including the Infrastructure and Economic Development (IBank), the California Film Commission, the California Commission of Travel and Tourism and the California Competes Tax Credit - which will grant \$780 million in tax credits to expanding California companies over the next five years.

Prior to her most recent appointment, Director Avdis served as the Chief Deputy Director for GO-Biz, Chief of Staff in the Office of Sacramento County Supervisor Phil Serna, Director of External Affairs at the California Department of Housing and Community Development under Governor Schwarzenegger. She also served in several positions in the Office of Governor Gray Davis including advance staff and special assistant to the Governor. In addition to her public sector work, she spent several years in the private sector as a project manager and advisor to the Chairman of AKT Development; a major land development company based in Northern California.

Director Avdis Chairs the I-Bank Board and the CA Competes Tax Credit Committee and serves on the California Employment Training Panel, Green Collar Jobs Council, California Industrial Development Financing Advisory Commission, Economic Recovery Financing Committee and the CalED Advisory Committee. She also serves on the Board of Director for

the California State University, Sacramento Hellenic Outreach Program, the Tsakopoulos Hellenic Foundation, Music on a Mission, Angelic LLC, and serves as the custodian of archives for Governor Gray Davis.

She is a native Sacramento, daughter of Greek immigrants, and a graduate of UC Davis.

**Kristin Decas, Executive Director
Port Hueneme**

Since beginning her tenure with the Port of Hueneme in February 2012, the Port has realized several successes. Tonnage totals have grown every year since her arrival from 1.3 million tons for FY 2012 to over 1.575 million metric tons in 2015 marking the Port's strongest sustained trade years since its inception in 1937. Kristin championed the first annual Port Banana Festival, drawing over 10,000 visitors to the Port. Port of Hueneme related activities generate \$1.1 billion in annual economic impact and create more than 10,200 direct, indirect, induced and influenced jobs.

Prior to serving for the Port of Hueneme, Kristin served as CEO and Port Director for the Port of New Bedford, MA, the nation's number one value fishing port. In 2007, when Kristin took the helm as the director for the Port, she inherited a \$200,000 deficit. Kristin literally 'cleaned up' the financial and physical landscape. During her five years at this post, she orchestrated a complete fiscal turnaround; from 2008, and every year thereafter, her prudent fiscal management generated a healthy profit for the Port. Kristin played a vital role in the development of a new terminal to support commerce and offshore wind energy projects. Under her leadership the Port also realized significant growth in cruise and recreational boating activity.

Kristin is recognized by Trade Administration officials for her impressive work in promoting economic development through international trade promotion, and for her service on scores of federal level shipping and port committees. Most recently Kristin was awarded a high-profile appointment by the U.S. Department of Transportation to both the National Freight Advisory Committee (NFAC) and the U.S. Marine Transportation System National Advisory Council (MTSNAC).

The board of directors of the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA), a trade association representing more than 130 public port authorities in the US, Canada, the Caribbean and Latin America, elected Kristin as the association's chair for the 2014-2015 activity year. Ms. Decas took office at the conclusion of the association's annual convention in Houston in November.

Kristin was the first woman to run both the Port of New Bedford in its 50 year history and the Port of Hueneme in its 75 year history. She is the 4th woman to chair the AAPA in its 103 years.

She lives in Oxnard, CA with her husband and is the proud mother of two daughters.

**Fran Inman, Commissioner
California Transportation Commission**

Fran Inman directs government relations and community affairs activities for Majestic Realty Co., one of the nation's largest privately held real estate development companies.

Inman is recognized as a leader in the push to improve the nation's failing transportation infrastructure. Inman is an outspoken advocate for transportation infrastructure funding. Widely recognized for her leadership and ability to develop solutions and build consensus, Inman possesses a unique portfolio of skills that combine a profound understanding of the balance required to build sustainable communities. Inman was initially appointed by both Governor Schwarzenegger and reappointed by Governor Brown to the California Transportation Commission. In 2013, Inman was also appointed to the National Freight Advisory Committee and co-chairs the sub-committee. The Southern California Council of Governments recently honored Inman as 2013 Business Leader of the Year.

Inman served as the chair of the board of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce and remains active on its executive committee. Inman also serves on the board of governors for the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, and as the vice chair for the California Business Properties Association. She is the former chair of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership and is also a founding board member of FuturePorts and a member of Inland Action. She is on the advisory Board of Mobility 21 and was a founding member of the Public Infrastructure Advisory Commission. She is also a long-time member of the Coalition of America's Gateway and Trade Corridors.

A graduate of California State University, Fullerton, Inman holds both a BA and a MBA in finance. In 2010, Inman was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Business Administration from Woodbury University. She and her husband have three adult children.

**Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director
Southern California Association of Governments**

Considered one of the preeminent transportation planning experts in the nation, Hasan Ikhata is the Executive Director of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the largest metropolitan planning organization in the United States. Appointed in January 2008, Mr. Ikhata has over 25 years of public and private sector experience in Transportation Planning in Southern California. At SCAG Mr. Ikhata implements the policies of an 83-member Regional Council and directs day-to-day operations of the agency. He is credited with being a transformational and unifying leader who has enhanced SCAG's value to member agencies and fostered unprecedented levels of public input and participation in the development of regional transportation plans.

Prior to joining SCAG in 1994, Mr. Ikhata worked for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).

Mr. Ikhata has received several awards and honors from various organizations and agencies including MOVE LA, for Outstanding Leadership as Executive Director of SCAG in preparation of the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. He has also been recognized by the American Society of Public Administration (ASPA), Southern California Leadership Council (SCLC), Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG), Orange County Business Council, Orange County Division, League of California Cities, California Legislature 49th District Assembly Resolution by Hon. Mike Eng, City of Los Angeles, State of California Certificate of Recognition, Association of the San Bernardino County Special Districts, Four Corners Transportation Summit, City of Big Bear Lake and numerous others.

Mr. Ikhata holds a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Civil and Industrial Engineering from Zaporozhye University in the former Soviet Union; a Master's degree in Civil Engineering from UCLA and a PhD Candidacy in Urban Planning and Transportation from USC.

**Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, President
Southern California Association of Governments**

Cheryl Viegas-Walker has served on the El Centro City Council since 1997, with three terms as Mayor. As the President of SCAG and Regional Council Member, she represents District 1 including the cities of Brawley, Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial and Westmorland. She has served as Chair of the Energy & Environment Committee and is a member of the Executive Committee and the Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee. Cheryl is also President of the El Centro Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees; a member of the Workforce Development Board and member of the Imperial Valley Breakfast Rotary Club.

Cheryl's community service extends to many organizations and agencies, including Rotary, the Juvenile Justice Commission, Imperial Valley Food Bank and San Diego State University Dean's Advisory Board (Imperial Valley Campus).

Recently, Ms. Viegas-Walker was hired as Manager of Imperial County's Area Agency on Aging.

**Gary Gallegos, Executive Director
San Diego Association of Governments**

Gary Gallegos is the Executive Director of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). He is a nationally recognized expert in transportation, land use, regional public policy making, and bi-national planning and diplomacy.

SANDAG is the leading research, planning, and transportation agency for the San Diego region. The agency builds consensus; makes strategic plans; obtains and allocates resources; plans, engineers, and builds public transportation, and provides information on

a broad range of topics pertinent to the region's quality of life. Agency policymakers are elected officials from each of the area's 18 cities and the county.

Mr. Gallegos leads a staff of about 350 professionals who develop public policy initiatives for elected officials on numerous issues encompassing population growth, transportation, environmental management, economic development, municipal finance, binational coordination, and public safety.

Mr. Gallegos' recent accomplishments at SANDAG include overseeing the completion of the Interstate 15 Express Lanes, a \$1.3 billion expressway within a freeway, and spearheading the acquisition of the State Route 125 toll road, commonly known as the South Bay Expressway, for \$341.5 million.

In January of 2003, Mr. Gallegos ushered SANDAG into a new, expanded role. State Senate Bill 1703 consolidated the responsibilities of SANDAG with many of the functions of the Metropolitan Transit Development Board and the North County Transit Development Board, allowing SANDAG to assume regional transit planning, funding allocation, project development, and eventually construction.

In 2004, Mr. Gallegos led the charge to extend TransNet, a regional half-cent sales tax for transportation; 67 percent of county voters approved the extension. Administered by SANDAG, the original 20-year TransNet program generated \$3.3 billion to fund highway, transit, and local road projects. The 40-year TransNet extension will raise another \$14 billion for similar improvements. Gallegos also led the effort to create the TransNet Early Action Program, which focuses on jump-starting construction of the top priority transportation projects and programs identified in the Regional Transportation Plan.

Most recently, Mr. Gallegos has worked with partner agencies toward securing the federal and state approvals necessary to create a third international border crossing in San Diego County – Otay Mesa East – and a short connecting highway. SANDAG will administer a toll that will generate funds to pay for the facility.

In addition, Mr. Gallegos is the Chief Executive Officer of the SANDAG Service Bureau, the nonprofit public benefit corporation chartered by SANDAG.

Prior to joining SANDAG in 2001, Mr. Gallegos held the position of District Director for Caltrans District 11, covering San Diego and Imperial Counties. Mr. Gallegos holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of New Mexico. He is a registered civil engineer.

**RJ Cervantes, Director of Legislative Affairs
California Trucking Association**

RJ Cervantes is the Director of Legislative Affairs for the California Trucking Association. Previous to his time at the Trucking Association, RJ lived and worked in Portland, Oregon where he served in a few as Policy & Constituent Relations Liaison for Multnomah County

Commissioner Deborah Kafoury and as a Government Relations Representative for the Portland Business Alliance. RJ got his start in the policy arena by working for longtime transportation advocate Congressman Earl Blumenauer. A native of Chico, California RJ holds a BA in Political Science from the University of Portland.

**Mike Jacob, Vice President and General Counsel
Pacific Marine Shipping Association**

Mike Jacob is Vice President & General Counsel to the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, an independent, not-for-profit maritime trade association with offices in Oakland, Long Beach and Seattle and represents owners and operators of US and foreign-flagged ocean-going vessels, marine terminal operators, tug and barge operators, cruise ship lines, and steamship agents, operating on the West Coast.

Mike joined PMSA in 2005, and as Vice President and General Counsel he manages legal, public, and regulatory affairs for the Association. He regularly appears before state, local and federal governmental bodies in various administrative and legislative capacities, and in state and federal courts on behalf of PMSA and its members.

Prior to joining PMSA, he was Managing Member of a government affairs and campaign consulting firm in Oakland from 1999-2005, with clients including the Bay Area Rapid Transit District and Port of Oakland. In 2003, Mike served the Port of Oakland as Acting Manager of Government Affairs.

Previously, Mike worked for the California State Legislature in several capacities, including as Chief Consultant to the Assembly Information Technology Committee, as Legislative Director to Assemblymembers John Dutra (D-Fremont) and Elaine Alquist (D-Santa Clara) and briefly as an aide to Senator Alfred Alquist (D-Santa Clara). Prior to working in the Legislature, he was a contributor to the Silicon Valley Business Journal

Mike is a member of the Alameda County Planning Commission, serving as Chair on three occasions since his appointment in 2003. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Satellite Affordable Housing Associates, a non-profit developer of award-winning affordable housing throughout Northern California, and its predecessor Affordable Housing Associates, since 2007. He also co-founded and maintains the cancer research fundraising website, FathersDayFund.org.

Mike holds a JD from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law and a BA in Economics from the University of California, Berkeley. He is a member of the California State Bar, United States Supreme Court Bar, and the Maritime Law Association of the United States. Mike lives in Oakland with his wife and daughter.

**Michael Shaw, Vice President, Government Relations
California Manufacturers and Technology Association**

Starting October 1, 2014, Michael Shaw will assume the position of Vice President of Government Relations for the California Manufacturers & Technology Association. In his new role Shaw will oversee the legislative and regulatory agenda for California manufacturers and manage the CMTA advocacy team.

Shaw was most recently Vice President of External Affairs for the California Trucking Association after serving as California Legislative Director for the National Federation of Independent Business and as a lobbyist for the California Chamber of Commerce. Shaw has extensive experience in the areas of climate change, health care, tort reform and workers' compensation, and he has worked on a number of statewide political races and initiative campaigns.

Shaw is a third-generation Californian and he graduated from California State University, Sacramento with a B.A. in Government. He currently resides in Sacramento, CA with his wife and three children.

The California Manufacturers & Technology Association has advocated for pro-growth laws and regulations before the California legislature and administrative agencies since 1918. Total output from manufacturing in California is \$240 billion per year, 10 percent of the total economic output of the state. Manufacturers employ 1.2 million California workers paying wages more than \$30,000 higher than other non-farm employers in the state.

**James Jack, Executive Director
Coalition for Responsible Transportation**

James Jack is the Executive Director of the Coalition for Responsible Transportation. CRT is a US EPA Award-Winning Coalition of the nation's largest shippers including Target, Lowe's, The Home Depot, WalMart, Best Buy, HP, Nike and JCPenney, in addition to Ports, Ocean Carriers, Railroads and Trucking providers. Through CRT, our shippers and service providers have led acclaimed national initiatives to promote emission reductions and efficiency.

In 2010, CRT launched a National Clean Truck Initiative with the Environmental Defense Fund, through which the private sector members of CRT are working in partnership with America's ports to establish industry-supported clean air programs that are both environmentally and economically sustainable.

In addition, CRT and EDF have partnered with the US EPA to expand the immensely successful SmartWay Partnership to port trucking operations through the launch of the SmartWay Drayage Program, an achievement for which CRT and EDF received the prestigious US EPA SmartWay Champion award.

CRT is now developing industry-led solutions at ports across the country to increase the efficiency of cargo movement in and out of container terminals to reduce congestion, emissions, and costs.

James holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California and a Bachelor's Degree in Finance from San Diego State University.