

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Subject: **Quarterly Report on Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee Activity**

**Summary:** Since the last Quarterly Report update, the following San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge (SFOBB) Seismic Retrofit project construction activities and Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee (TBPOC) actions occurred:

TBPOC meetings and activities –

- In response to sensational local Sacramento media stories about the structural integrity of the Self Anchored Suspension (SAS) Bridge tower foundation the Senate Transportation Committee held a hearing on August 14, 2012. The Department of Transportation Director, the Executive Director of the CTC, the Federal Highway Administration California Division Administrator, and the chair of the Seismic Peer Review Panel testified at the hearing. All declared the SAS foundations are structurally safe and sound. Nonetheless, the Senate Transportation Committee instructed the Legislative Analyst's Office to form an additional "independent" panel of experts to reexamine the issue. It is anticipated that the Senate Transportation Committee will follow up with a hearing in the fall.
- In the meantime, the TBPOC continues to take all necessary actions to deliver a seismically safe bridge to the public by this time next year.

Self Anchored Suspension (SAS) contract –

- Suspender cable installation was completed by the end of July, 2012.
- The first phase of transferring the deck load from the temporary supports onto the suspension cable started August 14, 2012 and is scheduled to be completed by October 15, 2012.

Yerba Buena Island (YBI) Contract #1 - connects the west end of the SAS Bridge to the Yerba Buena Island tunnel –

- The last major concrete pour took place August 28, 2012 finalizing construction of the eastbound deck lanes.

Yerba Buena Island (YBI) Contract #2 – demolishes the Yerba Buena Island Detour and the Cantilever section of the old SFOBB, builds a new eastbound on-ramp onto the new SFOBB, and completes the last segment of the pedestrian/bicycle path from Yerba Buena Island to Oakland –

- Numerous potential bidder inquiries are being responded to. The target bid opening date is September 25, 2012.

Oakland Touchdown contract #2 – connects the eastbound approach structure on the Oakland side to the Skyway Bridge:

- The contractor, Flat Iron Construction, began work June 25, 2012.

**Background:** In July 2005, Assembly Bill 144, (AB144) Hancock created the Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee (TBPOC) to exercise project oversight and control over the Toll Bridge Seismic Retrofit Program. The TBPOC is comprised of the Director of the Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) Executive Director, and the Executive Director of the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The TBPOC's program oversight and control activities include, review and approval of contract bid documents, contract change orders and resolution of major project issues.