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**AGENDA ITEM 7b**  
TAC Meeting  
October 5, 2017

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DATE: September 29, 2017  
TO: Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)  
FROM: Marcella Clem, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: **Senate Bill 1 (SB1) Repeal Initiatives**

### **STAFF REPORT**

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#### **Staff's Recommended Action:**

1. Introduce the item as an action item;
2. Allow staff to present the item;
3. Receive public comment;
4. Discuss item and consider making the motion:  
"I move that the TAC recommend the draft Addendum to the EIR be forwarded to the HCAOG Board to consider before adoption of the RTP 2017 update."

#### **Staff Summary:**

Two efforts are underway to repeal SB1. Assemblyman Travis Allen, R-Huntington Beach, a candidate for governor in 2018, is the sponsor of the first initiative. This campaign needs to collect 365,880 signatures by the end of June to be on the November 6, 2018 ballot. On July 14<sup>th</sup> Rep. Allen sued the Attorney General in the Superior Court on their issued title and summary. On September 19<sup>th</sup>, the judge issued a preliminary ruling saying that the language crafted by the Attorney General was "confusing, misleading, and likely to create prejudice against the proposed measure". The judge wrote a new ballot title and summary for the initiative:

Judge Frawley revised the ballot title to say

"Repeals recently enacted gas and diesel taxes and vehicle registration fees. Eliminates road repair and transportation programs funded by these taxes and fees."

instead of

"Eliminates Recently Enacted Road Repair and Transportation Funding by Repealing Revenues Dedicated for those Purposes."

He also amended the ballot summary of the initiative to specify that the Independent Office of Audits and Investigations, which would be eliminated by the initiative, was "newly established".

The second initiative effort is being led by former politician and current radio talk show host Carl DeMaio, who is chairman of Reform California. A constitutional amendment was filed two weeks ago for the 2018 ballot to overturn the taxes and take away lawmakers' ability to pass future increases without a statewide vote. Reform California must gather about 580,000 signatures to qualify a ballot measure that would prevent the Democratic-controlled Legislature from passing a fuel tax increase without a vote of the people. Although proponents of the measure cannot begin collecting signatures to qualify for the 2018 ballot until November, Reform California has collected 200,000 signatures on an online petition for the cause.

CalSTA has developed a public information website ([rebuildingca.ca.gov](http://rebuildingca.ca.gov)) devoted to SB1. They are asking all regions in the state to educate the public on the benefit and need of transportation funding. Staff has provided SB1 publications from OCTA for discussion purposes.