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Memorandum

TO: Legislation Committee

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FR: Executive Director

RE: MTC Awards Program

MTC is currently seeking nominations for the Excellence in Motion Awards. This program recognizes people and organizations who have made extraordinary contributions to the way people get around in the Bay Area each day. We have widely distributed a nomination brochure and will alert the public — via email messages and news releases — to nominate individuals, agencies and projects worthy of public recognition. Nominations will be accepted through Friday, May 9, 2008.

The awards program helps spotlight the positive news about transportation, and gives Commissioners a chance to recognize the extraordinary efforts by people who would not normally come to the public's attention.

In addition to nominations for awards of merit, we invite nominations in four special categories:

- Doris W. Kahn Accessible Transportation Award (named for a former MTC Chairperson);
- Greta Ericson Distinguished Service Award (named for the former MTC Commissioner who started the awards program);
- David Tannehill Special Employee Award (named for longtime MTC planner David Tannehill who passed away in 2001); and
- Miriam Gholikely Award (first awarded in 2004 to honor a long-time MTC advisor extraordinaire who passed away in 2003).

Winners will be selected by a jury representing the Commission (customarily the chair of the Legislation Committee), staff, the media, and the general public; and will be honored at an awards ceremony, to be held on the same day as the October Commission meeting this year.

Visit the MTC Web site to submit an application online (www.mtc.ca.gov/about_mtc/awards/nomination_form.htm), or contact the public information office for an application form.

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