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Memorandum

TO: Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee

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FR: Ursula Vogler

RE: Transit-Oriented Development in Communities of Concern

During MTC's update of the region's transportation plan, MTC has often cited the FOCUS initiative, a joint effort by regional agencies under the leadership of ABAG. The initiative is about working together: regional agencies, local governments, and communities collaborating to protect and improve the quality of life in the Bay Area. In the FOCUS process, local governments are partnering with regional agencies to create a development and conservation strategy for the San Francisco Bay Area. FOCUS unites the efforts of four regional agencies – the Bay Conservation and Development Corporation (BCDC), the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), ABAG and MTC – into a single program that encourages future growth in areas near transit and within the communities that surround the San Francisco Bay. As you know, housing built near transit is called transit-oriented developments (TODs), which help reduce traffic, protect the environment, and enhance existing neighborhoods.

One of the major issues for existing neighborhoods in communities of concern is potential displacement as a result of emerging transit-oriented development. ABAG is in the midst of discussions on this topic, and has launched a program called "Development without Displacement," aimed at identifying the key concerns associated with displacement and attempting to provide solutions.

ABAG planner Marisa Cravens made a presentation on these issues to MCAC earlier this month. By special request, Ms. Cravens will be attending the April EDAC meeting to provide a similar report. The attached memo provides more detailed information on the program and grant application process.