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Memorandum

TO: Advisory Council

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FR: Therese Knudsen

RE: Staff Liaison Report

Transportation 2035 Joint Advisor Meetings

The last joint advisors meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2008 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (working lunch after the Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee meeting) in the MetroCenter Auditorium.

Trade Corridor Improvement Fund

On April 10, 2008, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) approved a \$3 billion program of projects for the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF). The slate of highway, rail and seaport improvements approved for funding included \$825 million for 14 projects in Northern California. Six of the 14 Northern California goods-movement projects approved by the CTC are in the Bay Area. These include improvements at the Port of Oakland, relocation of the Interstate 80 Cordelia truck scales and the addition of an eastbound truck-climbing lane on Interstate 580 over the Altamont Pass. (A complete list of TCIF projects is available on the CTC Web site at: www.catc.ca.gov.) The Business, Transportation & Housing Agency, led primarily by Caltrans, is the lead agency negotiating with Union Pacific and BNSF regarding projects on the mainline rail network, including Donner Pass and Tehachapi Pass improvements, and what public benefits will be included in the project agreements. Sponsor agencies have between three and six months to develop Project Baseline Agreements with the CTC, outlining key milestones for project delivery.

MTC Transportation Awards – Deadline Extension

The deadline for MTC's 2008 Transportation Awards, which recognize people and organizations that have made extraordinary contributions to the way people travel in the Bay Area each day has been extended to May 23. If you know of any persons or groups that you would like to nominate, please go to MTC's Web site at www.mtc.ca.gov/ for a nomination form and more information about the program.

Bike to Work Day

May 15 is Bike to Work Day. Volunteers at over 190 Energizer Stations throughout the Bay Area will be handing out complimentary treats, tote bags and bicycle commute-related information as Bay Area residents ride their bikes to work. For more Bike to Work Day information, visit <http://www.bayareabikes.org/btwd/index.php> or call 511 and say 'bicycling'.

Packet Attachments

Included in the packet are the following materials:

- Agenda Item 6 – *Information* - Staff memo providing an update on federal and state legislation, as well as a fact sheet for Senate Bill 1731.
- Agenda Item 7 – *Discussion and Input* – Staff memo providing information on the TransLink® for Transit Oriented Development pilot project.
- Agenda Item 8 – *Information*– Staff memo with an update on the I-80/Capitol Corridor Interregional Smart Growth Study