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Memorandum

TO: Advisory Council

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RE: I-80/Capitol Corridor Interregional Smart Growth Study

As we discussed at your last meeting in April, MTC, ABAG, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), the Solano Transportation Authority and Caltrans have been working on an interregional planning project to analyze the ways to improve cooperation and coordination along the I-80 and Capitol Corridor within the two regions.

On April 10th, the agencies and U.C. Davis hosted a first of its kind interregional summit to discuss solutions to developing a stronger interregional partnership. Over a dozen breakout groups discussed the study findings and recommendations. Suggestions from the participants in the breakout groups included the following:

1. Develop a technical coordinating committee involving agencies and stakeholders from both regions in order to implement findings from the study, most notably developing data protocols to better share and coordinate technical information and modeling inputs.
2. Develop a corridor-wide interregional "blueprint" for both the I-80 corridor and Capitol Corridor, including both transportation and land use components. Use the blueprint as a plan for generating additional financing for corridor projects that support the blueprint.
3. Consider a corridor wide Joint Powers Authority for the I-80 corridor that would coordinate planning and investments for all transportation modes along the freeway corridor.
4. Continue to finance the development of a statewide travel model that can more accurately forecast interregional travel demand.
5. Do a better job at coordinating demographic forecasts and transportation investments for both regions.
6. Strengthen the transportation-land use connection along the corridor by promoting development around Capitol Corridor stations and preserving rural greenbelts adjacent to I-80.

7. Strengthen communication and coordination between Yolo County and the Bay Area planning agencies (MTC, ABAG etc.) as well as Solano County and the Sacramento Area Council of Governments.

MTC staff will brief the committee on further details of the I-80/Capitol Corridor Smart Growth Study and the U.C. Davis summit at your May 14th meeting.

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