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Memorandum

TO: Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee

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FR: Ursula Vogler, EDAC Liaison

RE: EDAC Workplan and Subcommittee Update

As part of the annual update to EDAC's two-year work plan, a portion of the October 2 EDAC agenda will be dedicated to discussing EDAC subcommittee structure and tasks for the remaining fiscal year. Specifically, we will be looking at ways to improve the effectiveness of the subcommittees as they relate to advising the Commission on issues related to seniors and persons with disabilities.

Proposed Subcommittee Changes

Last week I sent an e-mail to all EDAC subcommittee chairs (including EDAC Chair Branson) outlining proposed changes to EDAC's subcommittee structure. The main change includes merging three of EDAC's subcommittees into one; specifically, Emergency Preparedness, Accessible Taxi, and Senior Drivers subcommittees would become a new subcommittee focused on Mobility Management.

Mobility Management is a new task born out of the Transportation 2035 plan that will require EDAC's input over the next few years. Mobility Management is defined as a centralized system that provides information about transportation options and coordinates transportation request responses specifically to seniors, persons with disabilities and low-income individuals. Given the new directive to coordinate Mobility Managers regionwide, MTC's Planning staff would like EDAC to begin discussing this topic in more detail, beginning in the near term. Because the main content areas of EDAC's subcommittees on Emergency Preparedness (includes planning for vulnerable populations during regional emergencies), Accessible Taxi (includes outlining a regional

accessible taxi strategy) and Senior Drivers (includes providing alternatives to driving for seniors) would play an important role in the development of Mobility Management, it makes sense that these interest areas are included in those discussions. Current work tasks from those subcommittees could also be continued under the new Mobility Management subcommittee.

The work of the remaining two subcommittees -- Transportation and Land Use (TLU) and Pedestrian Safety -- would be completed in their existing committees. Over the next year, the TLU Subcommittee could work with James Corless on TOD/Smart Growth-related accessibility planning and continue the work on the current state of accessible TODs in the Bay Area. The Pedestrian Safety Subcommittee could work on the impending Regional Pedestrian Plan (will most likely change to Regional Pedestrian Strategies) and work with MTC's Bicycle and Pedestrian committee to determine synergies between the two groups. We will discuss these and other ideas in more detail at our full EDAC meeting October 2.

Next Steps

I would like to review the proposed subcommittee structure outlined above and get approval from the committee on how to move forward. Once a structure is approved, I would like to discuss and come to consensus on the tasks and goals for each subcommittee. The outcome of our discussion will be presented as part of EDAC's work plan update to MTC's Legislation Committee on November 14, 2008.