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Memorandum

TO: Advisory Council

DATE: October 3, 2008

FR: Therese Knudsen

RE: Staff Liaison Report

Welcome New Member

At their October meeting, the Commission appointed Julio Lacayo to represent EDAC on the Advisory Council, replacing Steve Belkin who resigned in September. Mr. Lacayo is employed by the California Department of Motor Vehicles where he focuses on senior driving issues.

Chair & Vice Chair Nominations

A new Chair and Vice Chair are elected by Advisory Council members for a one-year term beginning each January. Please submit your nominations to me by email (tknudsen@mtc.ca.gov) before the December 10 Advisory Council meeting, when then election will be held. Nominations may also be made at the December meeting prior to the election. The new terms will run through December 2009.

TOD Cast

MTC and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) have released a series of five narrated audio tours of transit corridors and transit-oriented developments in the Bay Area, featuring interviews with the planners, developers and stakeholders that made it all happen.

You will hear more about what makes TOD work throughout the tours, as staff talks to the people who are making it happen. Each audio tour has a corresponding map. It is recommended that you print the PDF and bring it along as you take the walking tours.

For downloading information, visit the MTC website -
http://www.mtc.ca.gov/planning/smart_growth/TODcast/index.htm

The five TODcasts include:

Hayward – Downtown

A half-hour walking tour of downtown Hayward near the BART station. Take BART to Hayward and explore the residential and commercial revitalization of one of the oldest towns in the east bay.

San Pablo Avenue – Rapid Bus Corridor

Tour starts at the 19th Street BART station in Oakland- hop on board AC Transit's 72R rapid bus and learn about the revitalization of this historic highway corridor as you ride through Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley, Albany and El Cerrito. Tour ends at the El Cerrito Del Norte BART station and lasts approximately 45 minutes one way.

Redwood City – Downtown

A half-hour walking tour of Redwood City that starts at the Redwood City Caltrain station. Hear about the renaissance of Redwood City's retail, entertainment and arts district and their ambitious plans to bring new residents back downtown.

San Francisco – Third Street Corridor

A walking and light rail tour of San Francisco's rapidly changing 3rd Street corridor starting at the Giants ballpark at 2nd and King, traveling by the new Mission Bay development and ending in the Bayview neighborhood. The tour uses MUNI's T-Third light rail line -- allow 45 minutes for the tour and another half an hour to return to downtown San Francisco.

San Jose – Downtown

A walking and light rail tour of downtown San Jose, starting at Diridon Station. See new mixed use and civic projects that are transforming San Jose's transit corridors and hear from city planners about their bold efforts to bring more people, businesses and high speed transit to downtown. Tour lasts about 45-60 minutes one way (you'll want to leave another 45 minutes to return to Diridon Station) and includes taking VTA light rail from Diridon Station to north 1st street downtown – check VTA light rail schedules at the link below due to service frequency. Diridon Station can be reached by Caltrain from San Francisco and the Peninsula, Amtrak's Capitol Corridor from the east bay and points north, and by ACE trains from the Tri-Valley and points east.

Packet Attachments

The packet includes the following materials:

- Agenda Item 6 – *Discussion and Action* – Revised draft Workplan and matrix
- Agenda Item 7 – *Information and Discussion* – Staff memo
- Agenda Item 8 – *Information and Action* – Executive Summary of the Regional Pedestrian Committee's *Regional Pedestrian Planning for the San Francisco Bay Area: Recommendations for Moving Forward*
- Agenda Item 9 – *Information* – Public Subsidies for Parking Structures from Sherman Lewis
- Agenda Item 10 & 11 – *Information and Discussion* – Staff memo