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Memorandum

TO: Operations Committee

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RE: Regional Transportation Emergency and Security Planning Report

Staff requests Committee approval of the Regional Transportation Emergency and Security Planning Report as a “related report” to the draft Transportation 2035 Plan. This report provides a summary of ongoing efforts to address emergency and security preparedness for the region’s transportation system in response to natural hazards and human-caused disasters. A copy of the report is attached.

Background

In October 2008, staff provided this Committee with an update on regional emergency preparedness efforts and the Commission adopted the Regional Transportation Emergency Management Plan (MTC Resolution 3873), as the Bay Area’s tool for ongoing regional all-hazards planning and coordination among transportation agencies. Over the past decade, MTC has assumed an active role in emergency planning which has evolved to include defined security objectives. The Regional Transportation Emergency and Security Planning Report provides a comprehensive summary of these efforts, and also demonstrates how the Bay Area complies with the federal 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), which identified transportation system security as a distinct factor to be considered in the transportation planning process of metropolitan areas.

Specifically, MTC’s regional emergency transportation and security planning objectives include:

- work with state, regional and local agencies to ensure a timely and coordinated response to any regional emergency, through advanced planning and preparation;
- develop regional emergency response coordination plans and facilitate regional transportation emergency preparedness exercises;
- support federal legislation to promote adequate security funding for airports, seaports, and other transportation operations; and
- support federal legislation to ensure timely reimbursement of emergency funding used to repair damaged transportation infrastructure.

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