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Memorandum

TO: Legislation Committee

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FR: Executive Director

RE: Advisory Council Work Plan for 2009/2010

Each MTC advisory committee reports to the Legislation Committee on its upcoming work plan, pursuant to MTC Resolution 3516. In December 2008, Advisory Council adopted a 2009/2010 work plan. Many of the topics included in the work plan are carried over from the 2008 work plan.

For 2009, the Advisory Council plans to focus on the following topic areas: 1) Transportation and Land Use, 2) Sustainable Transportation, 3) Business Outreach, 4) Project Selection/Programming and Evaluation, and 5) Transportation Funding/Transportation Pricing Reform. The committee plans to continue to focus on these, as well as the remaining work plan topics in 2010.

Advisory Council Chair Cathy Jackson will attend your January 9 meeting to present the council's 2009/2010 work plan.



Steve Heminger

2009 - 2010 Advisory Council Work Plan
(approved December 10, 2008)

Major Areas of Interest to the Advisory Council

Below is a list of major topic areas that have been identified to be of interest to the Advisory Council. Whenever an item under these topics is to be considered by MTC, Advisory Council would like the Commission to inform and consult with Advisory Council members. Advisory Council will not necessarily be developing in-depth recommendations in each of these areas, but will, at minimum, provide general input that will inform and shape staff recommendations and/or Commission actions. *For 2009, the Committee will focus on the first four topics.*

1. Transportation and land use/Sustainability

- (a) Existing areas include TLC, Station Area Plans, TOD Evaluation, Resolution 3434, Parking Policy Study
- (b) Implementing and evaluating the regional vision (including consideration of proposals by TALC, the JPC, and other regional entities)
- (c) Interregional coordination and planning
- (d) FOCUS
- (e) Better integrating non-motorized transportation (bicycle, pedestrian and mobility devices) by way of routine accommodation implementation in transportation and land use facilities
- (f) Improve transit performance and convenience
 - Connectivity and coordination
 - Consolidation
 - Safety and efficiency for the elderly and disabled
- (g) Sustainable transportation - Take a close look at how MTC is already advancing sustainable transportation
 - i) Evaluate systems, policies, and technologies (past and projected) that advance sustainability;
 - ii) Look at effectiveness of past policies, as well as the progress they have made (performance measures and criteria)
 - iii) Fuel – investigate a fuel-use characterization study, future fuel availability scenarios and existing alternative fuel infrastructure
 - iv) Consider MTC role in encouraging teleworking

Questions of interest: What strategies can MTC employ to increase public support for compact development, infill and TOD projects? What role should MTC play in determining and influencing the cities' role in providing housing and livable communities? What can MTC do to dramatically increase transit ridership, walking and biking to protect environment and health? What would a sustainable transportation system look like, what are some appropriate indicators for us to evaluate whether we're working toward it, and what could MTC's role be in bringing that about?

2. Project selection, programming and evaluation (including climate change)

- (a) New infrastructure bonds.
- (b) STIP, STP, other.
- (c) Focus should always be on reducing the region's carbon footprint
- (d) Evaluation
- (e) Climate change – AB 32

Questions of Interest - How good a job is MTC doing to predict air pollution emissions from mobile sources and how does this affect our transportation investments? What policies consistent with “smart growth” can MTC implement to reduce global warming gas emissions? Addressing AB 32 (greenhouse gas emissions)

3. Transportation funding, transportation economics & pricing reform

- (a) What funding strategies, such as a gas tax or fee, could MTC pursue at the regional level, and what are appropriate and important regional needs to be funded?
- (b) Does it make sense for MTC to encourage alternative fuel use and if so, how might it do this? (See Sustainable Transportation below)
- (c) Near-term project readiness (in light of state and federal policy/budget)
- (d) Public/private partnerships

Questions of Interest: What criteria should MTC use to prioritize allocation of new infrastructure bond funds (both transportation and housing), as well as any new discretionary regional funds that MTC may receive?

4. Business Outreach

- (a) Public and private partnerships
- (b) Procurement
- (c) AB 32 (meeting mandate)
- (d) Transportation-related project impact(s)

5. Freeway system management

- (a) HOT lanes
- (b) Smart corridors/arterial management
- (c) Systemic freeway ramp metering and toll policy

6. Goods movement

- (a) Planning
- (b) Funding
- (c) Coordination with land use and truck traffic

Question of Interest: How can industrial lands be preserved at key locations in order to ensure a reasonably efficient goods movement system?

7. Regional rail planning and implementation and California High-Speed Rail

- (a) Regional passenger rail
- (b) Regional freight rail
- (c) California high-speed rail

Questions of Interest: What are the next steps that MTC might take in regarding the Regional Rail Plan? Should the regional rail study look at the pros and cons of BART vs. conventional rail to serve the Fremont to San Jose corridor?

8. Legislation

- (a) Keep abreast on legislation affecting above topics
- (b) Federal Reauthorization

9. Transportation 2035 Plan

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SUBJECT TOPICS	Transportation & Land Use	Sustainable Transportation	Year	Projects – Selection, Programming & Evaluation	Year	Transportation Funding Pricing Reform and Economics The Effect of the Fiscal Crisis	Year	Business Outreach, Participation & Development	Year
Sub Topics For Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TLC - Station Area Planning - TOD Evaluation - Parking Policy - Resol. 3434 - Regional Vision - Interregional Coord. & Plan - Improve transit performance - Quality of life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connectivity & Coordination - Consolidation - Elderly/Disable - Non-motorized transportation integration 	_____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Infrastructure - Bords - STIP, PSTP - Evaluation - Climate Change 	_____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategies - Alternative Fuel - Sustainable Funding - Universal Transit Fare 	_____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public and private partnerships - Procurement - AB 32 - Transport Related projects impact(s) 	_____
Subcommittee & Other	Transportation & Land Use Subcommittee MCAC EDAC QOI: -What strategies can MTC employ to increase public support for compact development, infill and TOD Projects? -What role should MTC play in determining and influencing cities role in providing housing and livable communities? What can MTC do to increase rider ship, walking and biking?	Sustainable Transportation Transportation & land Use Subcommittees EDAC MCAC QOI: -What would a sustainable transp. sys. look like? Appropriate indicators for evaluation? What could MTC's roll be in bringing that about? -Look at how MTC is already advancing here and telecommuting -Evaluate past and present systems, policies and technologies -Investigate Fuel Use study in Nine-county Region -Assess future fuel availability and cost scenarios	_____	Evaluation Subcommittee	_____	Transportation and Economics Subcommittee	_____	MCAC	_____
Performance Measurement & Criteria									
T2035 and RTP									

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<i>SUBJECT TOPICS</i>	<i>Freeway & Roads Systems Management</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Goods Movement</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Regional and High Speed Rail</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Pertinent Legislation</i>
Sub Topics For Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hot Lanes - Smart Corridors & Aerial Management - Systemic toll policy 	_____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning - Funding - Coordinate With Land use - Air quality - Maintenance - Congestion Relief 	_____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional Passenger Rail - Regional Freight Rail - CA high speed Rail 	_____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AB 32 - SB 375 - MAC21 - SB 680 - Res. 3434 -
Subcommittee and Other	Transportation & Land Use Subcommittee MCAC QOI:		Transportation & Land Use Subcommittee QOI: -How can industrial lands be preserved at key locations in order to ensure a reasonably efficient goods movement?		Regional Transportation Plan QOI: -What are the next steps that MTC might take in the regional rail plan? -Should the regional rail study look at the pros and cons of BART vs. conventional rail to serve the Fremont to San Jose corridor?		Monthly report to Council from volunteer &/or staff on pertinent legislation MTC Legislative Committee
Performance Measurement Criteria							
T2035 and RTP							