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## *Memorandum*

TO: Advisory Council

DATE: January 7, 2009

FR: Therese Knudsen

RE: Staff Liaison Report

### New Engineering Advisor

The Legislation Committee will be reviewing an appointment for the engineering seat on the Advisory Council at their January meeting. Legislation Committee chair and vice chair, Commissioners Rubin and Yeager, reviewed and supported the qualifications of Rita Foti, who holds a degree in civil/structural engineering and has 22 years of experience. The recommendations of the committee will be forwarded to the Commission for approval. Pending this approval, Ms. Foti's appointment begins in February for a term ending in July.

### Caltrans Planning Grants

Caltrans recently announced the fiscal year 09-10 round of federal and state planning grants. Applications are due to Caltrans on April 1, 2009. The attached document includes a brief summary of the grant programs and application eligibility. More information on eligibility, grant size and Caltrans requirements is available at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html>.

As in the past, MTC is willing to sponsor applications by agencies and organizations ("sub-applicants") that are not otherwise eligible to submit applications on their own. The attached document sets forth the process and schedule for those requesting MTC to sponsor a proposal on their behalf. This schedule was developed to help MTC respond to the numerous requests and inquiries we typically receive. MTC cannot guarantee support for your project if you fail to adhere to the schedule and process outlined in the attached memo.

Please contact Carolyn Clevenger ([cclevenger@mtc.ca.gov](mailto:cclevenger@mtc.ca.gov), 510-817-5736) should you have questions about working with MTC to submit a grant application.

### Packet Attachments

The packet includes the following materials:

- Agenda Item 6 – *Discussion and Input* – Updated slides from December presentation on the TOD Choices project
- Agenda Item 7 – *Information and Discussion* – Staff memo and SB 375 Fact Sheet
- Agenda Item 8 – *Discussion and Input* – Staff memo
- Agenda Item 9 – *Discussion and Action* – Staff memo and slides