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Memorandum

TO: Commission

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FR: Executive Director

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RE: Public Hearing on the Draft Transportation 2035 Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report

After two years of interagency consultation and extensive outreach, MTC has released the *Draft Transportation 2035 Plan* and a host of supplementary reports for public review. Titled “Change in Motion,” the draft plan signals several bold new directions for MTC and the Bay Area, including an innovative pricing strategy via the Regional HOT Network, a multipronged Freeway Performance Initiative to maximize throughput on existing highways, a multiagency Climate Action Campaign to reduce the region’s carbon footprint, a robust Transportation for Livable Communities Program to support focused growth, and an overall emphasis on measurable performance improvements. In these ways, the Draft Plan attempts to influence a whole range of actual “changes in motion.”

MTC released the Draft Plan and its Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on December 19, 2008 to kick-off the formal public comment period. MTC solicited comments on the Draft Plan and its Draft EIR at two public hearings – the first hearing was held yesterday (Tuesday, January 27) in San Francisco, and the second hearing is today as part of your Commission meeting. Staff will summarize comments heard and present them to the Planning Committee at its February 13 meeting. Any additional comments received after this meeting will be summarized and distributed in a handout(s) to the Commission for its consideration prior to approval of the plan.

Below are three key Transportation 2035 documents that will be subject to review and approval at the March 13 Planning Committee and March 25 Commission meetings:

1. *Draft Transportation 2035 Plan*
2. *Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Transportation 2035 Plan*
3. *Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the Transportation 2035 Plan and 2009 Transportation Improvement Program/Amendment #09-06*

The close of the comment period for written comments on each draft report is as follows: February 2 for Draft EIR, February 9 for Draft Conformity Analysis, and March 2 for Draft 2035 Plan. Additional oral comments can be made before the Commission at its public meetings up to the adoption of the plan. The draft reports are available online at www.mtc.ca.gov/T2035 and printed copies are available upon request by calling the MTC/ABAG Library at 510.817.5836.

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