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Memorandum

TO: Minority Citizens Advisory Committee

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FR: Pam Grove, Public Information Officer

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RE: Staff Report – February 2009

Transportation 2035 Update

As you know, the Draft Transportation 2035 Plan was released for comment on December 19, 2008, and the Commission held two public hearings to take comments last week. MTC will continue to take comments on the plan through March 2, 2009. The document can be viewed online via MTC's Web site; however, if you require a printed copy, please contact the MTC-ABAG Library via e-mail at library@mtc.ca.gov or via phone at 510.817.5836.

Written comments on the draft should be submitted to MTC via mail to MTC, Attn: Public Information, 101 8th Street, Oakland, CA, 94607; via e-mail to info@mtc.ca.gov; or faxed to MTC at 510.817.5848, Attn: Public Information.

Oral comments on the draft can still be made before the Commission at any of its public meetings up to the adoption of the plan, which is expected at the March 25, 2009 Commission meeting.

Special Joint Advisor Meeting on the Federal Economic Stimulus Package

Last week you were sent an e-mail reminding you of a special meeting to give MTC's advisors a chance to comment on a set of proposed projects for inclusion in MTC's federal economic stimulus proposal.

I wanted to remind you that this meeting will take place during our normally scheduled MCAC meeting time, beginning at 3:15 p.m. next Tuesday, February 10, 2009. (Please note that while the MCAC meeting does not begin until 4 p.m. that day, we are encouraging all advisors to attend the 3:15 meeting and give their input and feedback.)

At this meeting, MTC staff will present a proposed economic stimulus package for your comment prior to the proposal's presentation at MTC's Programming and Allocations Committee meeting the next day. You will receive a separate agenda and some basic information in the mail, but the bulk of the material will be presented at the meeting. The federal economic stimulus package is moving at a very fast pace, and the challenge is to make sure the Commission's proposal is ready for inclusion.

If you are unable to attend the meeting next Tuesday for some reason, a draft of the proposal is scheduled to be presented at the meeting of the Partnership Board this Friday (February 6). You may either attend this meeting in person from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Nile Hall in Preservation Park in Oakland, or check MTC's online meeting archive after the 6th to listen to the archived audiocast.

Caltrans Planning Grants FY 09-10 Cycle

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.

While the February 2nd deadline for declaring your intent to seek MTC sponsorship has passed, if any MCAC members are interested in working with MTC to submit a grant application, please contact Carolyn Clevenger at 510-817-5736.

New MCAC Advisors

At your February 2009 meeting, MCAC will welcome three new advisors. **Dustin Daza** will be representing the Latino community of San Francisco (appointed by Commissioner Jon Rubin), **Wayne Lee** will be representing the Asian community of San Mateo County (appointed by Commissioner Adrienne Tissier and Commissioner Sue Lempert), and **Robert Liems** will be representing the Asian community of Napa County (appointed by Commissioner Bill Dodd). A fourth new member, **Luis Quinonez**, representing the Latino community of Contra Costa County, was also appointed by Commissioners Federal Glover and Amy Worth, but he is unable to attend the February 10th meeting. We will meet him, and hopefully a few other vacancy appointees, in March.

Meeting Reminders

- **Equity Analysis Subcommittee**
Thursday, February 19, 2009, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Third Floor "Fishbowl" Conference Room

- **Lifeline Subcommittee Site Visit**
Thursday, February 26, 2009
10 a.m. to Noon Site Visit – Monument Corridor Community Shuttle in Concord
Details to be announced

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- **High School Internship Subcommittee**

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Tuesday, March 10, 2009, 2:15 – 3 p.m.
Conference Room 171 – First Floor

- **Contracting Subcommittee**
Tuesday, March 24, 2009, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Third Floor “Fishbowl” Conference Room

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