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Memorandum

TO: Commission

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FR: Legislation Committee

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RE: Committee Recommendation

The Legislation Committee met on Feb. 13 and referred one item to Commission.

- **Federal Transportation Authorization Principles**

The Committee took action to adopt the California Consensus principles, which resulted from MTC staff's work with local, regional, and state transportation interests across California under the auspices of Caltrans and the California Association of Councils of Governments:

California Consensus Principles contain seven general statements that include:

1. *Ensure the financial integrity of the Highway and Transit Trust Funds*
2. *Rebuild and maintain transportation infrastructure in a good state of repair*
3. *Establish goods movement as a national economic priority*
4. *Enhance mobility through congestion relief within and between metropolitan areas*
5. *Strengthen the federal commitment to safety and security, particularly with respect to rural roads and access*
6. *Strengthen comprehensive environmental stewardship*
7. *Streamline project delivery*

The Committee took action to focus particular attention on the areas of financial integrity of the transportation trust funds, goods movement, metropolitan congestion and mobility and environmental stewardship in our advocacy efforts in Washington, D.C.

Committee Recommendation: Approve the federal transportation authorization principles.