



AGENDA ITEM 4

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Memorandum

TO: Advisory Council

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FR: Jennifer Yeamans

RE: Staff Liaison Report

Final Transportation 2035 Plan Document Available

On April 22, 2009, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) adopted the *Transportation 2035 Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area*, which specifies how some \$218 billion in anticipated federal, state and local transportation funds will be spent in the nine-county Bay Area during the next 25 years.

Printed copies of the final plan document will be available for distribution at your August 12 meeting. In addition, electronic copies of the final Plan and all related Plan documents are always available at MTC's web site: www.mtc.ca.gov/t2035.

Fiscal Update: State and Federal Transportation Funding

On July 28, Governor Schwarzenegger signed the revised FY 2009–10 state budget, vetoing \$489 million in General Fund spending in order to provide a \$500 million cash reserve. In a last-minute change adopted by the Assembly, the final budget did not divert local gas tax funds from cities and counties, but it still contains deep cuts to public transportation funding, with about \$1 billion in public transit funds redirected to the General Fund.

The impacts of the final budget on public transportation funding did not present any changes from what happened in February, when the legislature agreed to eliminate State Transit Assistance (STA) funding for three years. These eliminations affect transit operators statewide, as well as the population-based STA funds that MTC has traditionally used for transit coordination activities including TransLink[®]. Since the action affecting STA funds occurred in February, MTC's FY 2010 budget made no assumptions of any STA funding, and therefore MTC staff does not currently anticipate additional changes will be made to these programs.

With respect to federal funding, it appears FY 2010 will largely keep the region at our current funding levels, which is slightly lower than the 2% growth previously assumed but not cause for major cut backs.

Reminder: Bay Bridge Closure Labor Day Weekend

As announced earlier this year, the Bay Bridge will be closed in both directions beginning at 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 3, and will reopen by 5 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8. Travelers are encouraged to use public transit for transbay trips throughout this period. BART is expected to operate all-night service to select stations over the Labor Day weekend, and Bay Area ferry operators are planning extra departures to accommodate increased demand.

Packet Attachments

The packet includes the following materials:

- Agenda Item 6 – Information – No handout
- Agenda Item 7 – Discussion/Possible Action – Subcommittee memo and attachment
- Agenda Item 8 – Information/Discussion – Staff memo, attachments, and PowerPoint presentation