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*Memorandum*

TO: Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee

DATE: Sept. 24, 2009

FR: Ursula Vogler, EDAC Staff Liaison

RE: Staff Liaison Report

**New Surface Transportation Act — Update on Proposal for Cycle 1  
STP/CMAQ Funding**

MTC is currently developing an overall architecture to guide upcoming programming decisions for the \$1.4 billion in estimated New Act federal funding. Staff presented a draft proposal to the Programming and Allocations Committee (PAC) on September 9, intending continued discussions with the stakeholders throughout September and an approval slated for October.

Given the uncertainties pending the final legislation, MTC is requesting a near-term programming action of three years, with the balance of funding to be programmed in approximately two years.

Staff's \$1.4 billion New Act programming proposal targets funding as noted in the principles below:

- Required payback of Obligation Authority (\$68 million)
- Maintain on-going programs (\$206 million)
- Deliver early system-wide freeway improvements (\$222 million)
- Fund other core Transportation 2035 categories (\$834 million)
- Fund strategic investments and regional commitments (\$71 million)

The proposal also includes an investment strategy for priority development areas (PDAs) and a program management structure for counties that bundles programs into "PDA block grants" to allow more flexibility and strategic project delivery on their part.

The proposal reflects a number of revisions to a version of this funding proposal made available to stakeholders in June of this year, and it attempts

to respond to discussions with the Bay Area Partnership, MTC Advisory Committees, and other stakeholders during the summer months.

Ultimately, PAC decided to establish a subcommittee to further reflect on a number of issues that were raised at its September meeting and that it wishes to discuss further at its October meeting. This will result in a postponement of the approval of a final funding program until November 2009, at the earliest.

### **Advisory Committee Review Brainstorm**

I have reserved the Fishbowl Conference Room after our next EDAC meeting to discuss the advisory committee consolidation proposal prior to the October 9 Legislation Committee meeting. I am interested in discussing your concerns, as well as hearing your ideas about how a different structure could work. I look forward to a productive discussion. Please note that lunch will be served.

### **Joint Advisor Workshop: October 28**

As a reminder, a Joint Advisor Workshop is scheduled for October 28 at 1 p.m. in the MetroCenter auditorium to discuss the PMC advisory committee recommendations and the comments we receive from the Legislation Committee members' October 9 meeting. We will focus the meeting on getting your feedback and comments. I hope you can all attend.

### **Saving the Bay Premiere**

KQED announces an unprecedented look at the storied history of San Francisco Bay with *Saving the Bay* ([www.kqed.org/savingthebay](http://www.kqed.org/savingthebay)), four one-hour episodes tracing the Bay from its geologic origins following the last Ice Age, through years of catastrophic exploitation, to the restoration efforts of today. Funded in part by the Bay Area Toll Authority, *Saving the Bay* is the first television program to tell the story of the San Francisco Bay and the people who have shaped and reshaped it; from native inhabitants to those who now seek to restore balance to a fabled estuary in the midst of one of the nation's largest and most vibrant urban centers. Narrated by famed actor and environmentalist Robert Redford, *Saving the Bay* premieres Thursdays, October 8 and 15, from 8 to 10 pm on KQED.