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## *Memorandum*

TO: Transit Finance Working Group  
FR: Laramie Bowron  
RE: Short Range Transit Plan Policy Proposal Update

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### **Background**

At the September TFWG meeting, MTC staff proposed a temporary suspension to the current Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) policy, and also proposed to direct the remaining FTA Section 5303 planning funds to a more comprehensive study of Bay Area transit operations, in partnership with the transit agencies. Questions arose regarding the need for a project to be included in an SRTP to obtain MTC program funds and operating allocations.

### **Update**

As a reminder, the proposal is a temporary suspension of the current SRTP policy. In future years, MTC staff expects to resume the policy that all operators submit a full-SRTP or restructure the comprehensive transit effort to capture equivalent data on capital needs and operating projections.

During this suspension, for planning purposes, MTC will rely on Transit Capital Priorities (TCP) information or operator's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) documents for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) financial capacity assessment and financial constraint. In the event that new capital planning opportunities arise in the short-term, it is possible that MTC would require a resolution of local support for operator requests. MTC staff will work directly with operators if additional information is needed.

### **SRTP Funding**

MTC staff will touch base with operators in Spring 2010 to discuss future SRTP policies and how those may relate to planning efforts. For FY 2009-2010, operators that wish to opt in will be required to meet the agreed upon deadlines and will receive the same amount of funding that was budgeted for the FY 2008-2009 mini-SRTP. Funding levels for the FY 2010-2011 mini-SRTPs may need to be revisited in anticipation of a full-SRTP being required from all operators in FY 2011-2012 in order to provide input for the next Regional Transportation Plan.