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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 – October 2009

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

MTC is currently developing an overall framework for upcoming programming decisions for the \$1.4 billion in estimated future federal “New Act” funding. Staff presented a draft proposal to the Programming and Allocations Committee (PAC) on September 9, intending continued discussions with the stakeholders throughout September, with final approval targeted 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 ongoing 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 bundle 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 feedback from MTC advisory committees, the Bay Area Partnership, and other stakeholders during the summer months.

Ultimately, the Programming and Allocations Committee 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.

Transportation Reports

Another report focusing on the issue of equity can be found on the PolicyLink Web site here:

http://www.policylink.org/atf/cf/%7B97C6D565-BB43-406D-A6D5-ECA3BBF35AF0%7D/all_aboard.pdf?msource=MAILABPUB&tr=y&aid=5177529

All Aboard! Making Equity and Inclusion Central to Federal Transportation Policy, is a report that provides a framework of principles, describes the work and ideas of key players, and presents a set of policy solutions for suggested inclusion in the upcoming federal authorization legislation. For more information on PolicyLink, visit their Web site at www.policylink.org.

Joint Advisor Workshop Moved to October 28

As a reminder, the Joint Advisor Workshop previously scheduled for September 23 has been rescheduled for October 28 at 1 p.m. in the MetroCenter Auditorium. This workshop is to discuss the advisory committee recommendations being made by MTC's consultant, PMC, as well as comments we receive from the Legislation Committee's October 9 meeting. We will focus the workshop on getting feedback and comments from the three advisory committees. Mark your calendars so you can attend, and please note the PMC report will be presented this Friday at the October 9 Legislation Committee meeting, currently scheduled for 10 a.m..

Saving the Bay Premiere

KQED announces an unprecedented look at the storied history of the San Francisco Bay with *Saving the Bay* (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.

Meeting Reminders

- **High School Intern Subcommittee**
Tuesday, October 13, 2009, 2:15 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Third Floor “Fishbowl” Conference Room
- **Equity Analysis Subcommittee**
Thursday, October 22, 2009, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Claremont Conference Room – 2nd Floor (check in on 3rd Floor first)
- **Joint Advisor Workshop**
Wednesday, October 28, 2009, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
MTC Auditorium