



AGENDA ITEM 4

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Memorandum

TO: Advisory Council

DATE: December 2, 2009

FR: Jennifer Yeamans

RE: Staff Liaison Report

New MTC Policy Advisory Council

At its November 18 meeting, MTC approved a new 27-member Policy Advisory Council, to be appointed in March 2010 and begin its work in April 2010. The three current advisory committees will sunset with the formation of the new Policy Advisory Council.

The packet item, including the Executive Director's memorandum and the full text of Resolution 3931, can be found on MTC's web site here:

http://apps.mtc.ca.gov/meeting_packet_documents/agenda_1387/7_3931.pdf.

Recruitment for the new Policy Advisory Council is scheduled to begin this month, and all current advisors are encouraged to apply. Application forms will be available for you at your meeting. If you have any questions regarding the new Policy Advisory Council, please let me know.

Update on Public Hearings on Proposed Toll Increase for State-Owned Bay Area Bridges

As reported to you last month, the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) is considering a toll increase on the Bay Area's seven state-owned toll bridges: the Antioch, Benicia-Martinez, Carquinez, Dumbarton, Richmond-San Rafael, San Francisco-Oakland Bay and San Mateo-Hayward bridges. (The toll proposal does not affect the Golden Gate Bridge, which is owned and operated by an independent authority.)

A fourth public hearing has been added to receive public testimony on the proposed toll increase. The purpose of these hearings is to hear public comment on three options that were presented at the October BATA Oversight Committee meeting (see http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/info/toll_increase.htm).

The two remaining public hearings are scheduled for:

Thursday, December 3, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.

Concord Senior Center - Wisteria Room

(located in John F. Baldwin Park)

2727 Parkside Circle, Concord, California

(over)

Monday, December 7, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.
San Francisco State University, Downtown Campus
835 Market Street, Room 609
San Francisco, California

These hearings will feature a short open house (from 6:30 to 7 p.m.) and a staff presentation (beginning at 7 p.m.) prior to taking public testimony.

Written comments will be accepted until 4 p.m., December 21, 2009; written comments should be submitted to the BATA Public Information Office at 101 Eighth Street, Oakland, California, 94607-4700; or faxed to BATA at 510.817.5848; or sent via e-mail to tolls@mtc.ca.gov.

BATA Commissioners will weigh all public comment in their decision on the toll increase, scheduled for January 2010. For more information on the hearings or the proposal, visit the MTC Web site at www.mtc.ca.gov or phone the BATA Public Information Office at 510.817.5757.

Packet Attachments

The packet includes the following materials:

- Agenda Item 6 – Information – No handout
- Agenda Item 7 – Information/Discussion – Staff memo and attachments
- Agenda Item 8 – Information – No handout
- Agenda Item 9 – Information – No handout
- Agenda Item 10 – Information/Discussion – Staff memo and attachments