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Memorandum

TO: Planning Committee

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FR: Executive Director

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RE: Consistency Findings for 2009 Congestion Management Programs: Resolution No. 3424, Revised

State law requires that MTC review the consistency of the Congestion Management Programs (CMPs) with the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), referred to here as the Transportation 2035 Plan, in order to incorporate projects from the CMPs into the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).

MTC has received final CMPs from seven counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Solano Counties. Sonoma and Napa Counties have elected not to prepare CMPs, pursuant to Government Code Section 65088.3.

Staff has reviewed the draft CMPs for consistency with the Transportation 2035 Plan in preparation of the 2010 RTIP, based on MTC's *2009 Guidance for Consistency of Congestion Management Programs (CMPs) with the Regional Transportation Plan*, in the following five areas:

- Goals and objectives established in the RTP,
- Consistency of the system definition with adjoining counties,
- Consistency with federal and state air quality plans,
- Consistency with the MTC travel demand modeling database and methodologies; and
- RTP financial assumptions.

Review of Projects in the CMPs

CMPs may include projects that are beyond the financial capacity of the RTP, or that are local in nature. MTC's consistency findings for the CMPs are limited to those projects that are included in the RTP, and do not extend to other CMP projects. Projects that are a result in an increase in system and cost \$5 million or more need to be specifically identified in the RTP for consistency, whereas other projects may be deemed consistent with general RTP programmatic categories. Inclusion of projects in the CMP that are not in the RTP does not affect overall consistency findings. Staff has provided comments to the CMAs regarding the consistency of CMP projects with the RTP.

Modeling Information

The consistency of CMP models has been reviewed in previous years, and detailed feedback has been provided to the CMAs. Due to the highly technical nature of travel demand modeling, the

Modeling Coordination Working Group of the Partnership Technical Advisory Committee will address any issues that arise regarding modeling consistency.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends a finding of consistency with the Transportation 2035 Plan for the 2009 CMPs from Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Solano Counties.

Staff requests referral of Resolution 3424, Revised, as attached, to the Commission for approval.

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