

### Background and Purpose of Response

Following MTC adoption of MTC Resolution No. 3931 in November 2009 which forms a new multi-interest Policy Advisory Council, the existing MTC Advisory Council has identified a need to address key issues and priorities for the consideration of both the Commission and the new Policy Advisory Council in developing the work plan for the new advisory group.

### Role of MTC Advisory Council

Historically, MTC's Advisory Council has included representatives from a range of interests, including business, environment, labor, community, academic, transportation system users, as well as representatives from MTC's Minority Citizens Advisory Committee (MCAC) and Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee (EDAC). For the past two years, the Advisory Council has been carrying out its work in part via subcommittees: Land Use, Transportation Economics and Pricing, Sustainability, and Evaluation) all of which consider outreach activities to seniors, low income, minority and business segments in the region.

Two Advisory Council subcommittees (Land Use and Economics) have standing recommendations in front of the Commission which should be incorporated into the new Policy Advisory Council's work plan at the beginning of the new advisors' term.

Resolution 3931 indicates the mission of the Policy Advisory Council is to advise the Commission on transportation policies in the Bay Area, incorporating diverse perspectives relating to the environment, economy and equity. The MTC Advisory Council recommends that the new Policy Advisory Council continue the practice of providing recommendations via the Commission's standing committees.

### Key Issues and Needs

In reviewing its work plan and accomplishments over the current advisors' terms, the MTC Advisory Council identified the following key needs for the new Policy Advisory Council:

- 1) Recommendations to the Policy Advisory Council from existing advisors on work plan priorities and working groups for 2010–2013.
- 2) Direction on what the Policy Advisory Council should recommend to Commission to consider for the Commission's annual work plan
- 3) Input on timing of annual workshop held by the Commission.
- 4) Revisions to MTC's Committee and Function Organizational Chart to include descriptions of Advisory Working Groups.
- 5) Process for reviewing advisor attendance at meetings.
- 6) Identification of key transportation-related studies that may inform the Policy Advisory Council's work.

### Summary of Recommendations

- 1) Establish working groups and related work plans for the Policy Advisory Council's 2010-2013 term. Present Policy Advisory Council work plan recommendations to the Commission at the annual workshop after receiving revised MTC organizational chart.
  1. Elderly and Disabled
  2. Minority Citizens/EJ
  3. Land Use
  4. Sustainability

5. Economics
6. Evaluation

- 2) *What direction should the Policy Advisory Council recommend to the Commission to consider including in its annual work plan?*
- 3) *Timing of annual workshop?*
- 4) Make revisions to MTC's Committee and Function Organizational Chart to include descriptions of Advisory Working Groups for advisors' and staff use. Reviewing these charts at advisors' orientation will provide insight into MTC's decision-making processes and how the Policy Advisory Council's structure interfaces with MTC's.
- 5) *Recommend process for reviewing advisor attendance at meetings?*
- 6) Conduct the following transportation-related studies to inform the Policy Advisory Council's work:
  1. Equity Analysis
  2. University comparisons
  3. Climate
  4. Project evaluation from 1994 to present