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*Memorandum*

TO: Commission

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FR: Executive Director

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RE: SB 1245 (Simitian): High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes — Toll Free Mandate

After the Legislation Committee meeting and under the Commission's urgency procedures, Chair Haggerty and Committee Chair Rubin authorized an "oppose unless amended" position on SB 1245 (Simitian). As introduced, among other provisions this bill sought to invalidate the toll increase affecting car pools on the State-owned Bay Area toll bridges scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2010. At the hearing before the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee on April 20<sup>th</sup>, Senator Simitian agreed to amend SB 1245 to remove the toll bridges from the bill. Accordingly, staff seeks Commission ratification to remove our opposition and maintain a "neutral" position on the bill.

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