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To: Regional Advisory Working Group
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Subject: **Regional Advisory Working Group Charter**

The Sustainable Communities Strategy will be developed through regional and local partnerships via both existing and new ad hoc working groups and committees. The Regional Advisory Working Group (RAWG) is a newly created ad hoc regional working group whose purpose is to guide regional staff in the development of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). The RAWG is made of primarily of planning staff representatives of local government, Congestion Management Agencies (CMAs), transit agencies, the four regional agencies and stakeholder representatives. Members of the public are welcome to attend and can comment during RAWG proceedings. This memo outlines the purpose and composition of the RAWG in more detail.

RAWG Purpose

The primary purpose of the Regional Advisory Working Group is to provide input to regional agency staff during the development of the RTP/SCS. This input will be sought throughout the duration of the planning effort, leading to the adoption of the RTP/SCS in early 2013.

Line of Reporting & Responsibilities

Staff foresees utilizing the Regional Advisory Working Group as the “first stop” for most issues regarding the RTP/SCS. For example, during 2010 members of the RAWG will be asked to offer feedback on regional targets, including regional housing and job targets, the “base-case” land use, alternative land use and transportation investment scenarios and SCS-related engagement.

Working group members are asked to please review materials in advance of the meeting, so that at the meetings, an active and fulsome discussion of each item may take place. Additionally, members will be asked to report back to their constituents, or those they have been asked to represent, such as local government counterparts, within each member’s county.

Membership

The RAWG is made up of representatives of city and county government planning departments, congestion management agency staff, and regional agency staff. In regards to local government representatives, each county was asked to nominate at least one planning director to attend and participate on the RAWG for the duration of the process. However, all planning directors, community development directors and others are welcome to attend and participate in RAWG meetings. In addition, representatives of various stakeholder groups, including affordable housing, businesses, developers, equity and environmental groups, have been invited to participate in RAWG meetings. All RAWG meetings are open to the public.