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Memorandum

TO: Commission

DATE: July 21, 2010

FR: Administration Committee

W. I. 1236

RE: Cooperative Agreement: Regional Express Lane Project: California Department of Transportation

The Transportation 2035 Plan includes an 800-mile Regional Express Lane Network. Under any of the statutory vehicles for planning and implementing such a Network, close cooperation between MTC and Caltrans will be necessary. The Administration Committee refers to the Commission for its approval a recommendation to authorize a cooperative agreement between MTC and Caltrans that assigns responsibilities for cooperation and coordination between the two agencies in the context of developing a Project Study Report (PSR) for the Regional Express Lane Network and reimburses Caltrans for up to \$500,000 in staff costs related to the assessment and development of the Network.

Key Points of Agreement

The cooperative agreement includes the following key points of agreement:

- MTC will continue to provide overall leadership for developing the Network.
- MTC and Caltrans will establish a steering committee to manage the Project Study Report, ensure its effective coordination and agree upon a work plan.
- In consultation with county CMAs and Caltrans, MTC will assess the business case and delivery options for the Network: apply screening criteria, including comparative analyses of different project delivery methods; and make a decision on whether the Network will move forward as a project and by what delivery methods.
- MTC and Caltrans will agree upon design principles to expedite implementation of the Network in conformance with statewide managed lanes guidelines.
- MTC will initially commit \$500,000 to Caltrans for its work under the cooperative agreement. This will fund Caltrans' oversight for a project study report, as required under any of the statutory vehicles for implementing the Network.

Recommendation

The Administration Committee refers to the full Commission, for approval, a recommendation authorizing the Executive Director or his designated representative to negotiate and enter into a cooperative agreement with Caltrans in the maximum amount of \$500,000 in connection with the Regional Express Lane Network, subject also to the approval of a budget allocation for the agreement by the Commission on July 28, 2010.

REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL

Summary of Proposed Agreement

Work Item No.: 1236

Parties: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Project Title: Regional Express Lane Network Cooperative Agreement

Purpose of Project: Establish a work plan through which MTC and Caltrans will partner to support development of the Regional Express Lane Network. Provide funds to Caltrans for oversight of a project study report, as part of the work plan.

Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$500,000

Fund Source: Bridge Tolls (AB 1171)

Fiscal Impact: Project is proposed for inclusion in MTC's budget for FY 2010-11.

Motion: The Commission approves a recommendation authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to negotiate and enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans for the purposes stated above; and that the Chief Financial Officer is directed to set aside funds in the amount of \$500,000 for such Agreement, subject to Commission approval to allocate AB 1171 funds to this project on July 28, 2010.

Commission Chair: _____
Scott Haggerty, Chair

Approved: July 28, 2010