



Agenda Item No. 7

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Memorandum

TO: Policy Advisory Council

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FR: Pam Grove, Staff Liaison

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RE: Staff Liaison Report – September 2010

Update on MTC's Draft Public Participation Plan

At your last meeting, MTC staff brought the Draft 2010 Public Participation Plan before you for review and input. Written comments on the document were due by Monday, August 23. In order to allow time for review and consideration of all comments, staff will extend the time period for adoption of the plan. More details will be forwarded to you as they are finalized.

New Transbay Transit Center Breaks Ground in San Francisco

On August 11, a host of dignitaries joined the Transbay Joint Powers Authority in a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Transbay Transit Center in San Francisco. Local executives and elected officials were joined by Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, Senator Barbara Boxer, Congressman Georgia Miller and U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood to commemorate the start of one of the most important transportation projects in America. The Transbay Transit Center is the northern terminus for the planned California High-Speed Rail system and, when complete, will accommodate 11 transit operators and serve more than 45 million passengers a year.

The new Transbay Transit Center is scheduled to open in August 2017. For more information on the groundbreaking ceremonies and the project, go to:

http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/current_topics/8-10/transbay.htm

Caldecott Tunnel Fourth Bore Project Begins

Another major Bay Area project also reached a milestone as tunneling of the Caldecott Tunnel's Fourth Bore began on August 9th. Excavation into the concrete and rock at the east portal of the Caldecott Tunnel marked the start of the four-year, \$420 million project on Route 24 in the Oakland Hills.

Funded primarily by ARRA, Prop 1B, Contra Costa County sales tax, and Regional Measure 2 funds, the project will reduce congestion on Route 24 leading up to the tunnel and will eliminate the current need to reverse the traffic direction in the existing center bore. For more information on the project, go to: http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/current_topics/8-10/caldecott.htm

First Bay Area Express Lane Set to Open September 20

The Bay Area is scheduled to open its first Express Lane on I-680 through the Sunol Grade later this month. Crews are widening and repaving the roadway, constructing auxiliary lanes, and installing the electronic tolling equipment on the 14-mile stretch of road on Southbound 680 from Highway 84 in Pleasanton to Highway 237 in Milpitas.

The roadway will be re-striped on September 18 and 19, and the lane is scheduled to open at 5 a.m. on Monday, September 20th. For more information on the construction and opening of the next lane, go to: <http://www.680expresslane.org/Home.asp>