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Memorandum

TO: Legislation Committee

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FR: Executive Director

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RE: Draft MTC Public Participation Plan: Second Public Comment Period

Background

In July, the Legislation Committee released for public review and comment a revised draft MTC Public Participation Plan in accordance with state and federal requirements. The 2010 revisions reflect a restructuring of MTC's advisory committees into a single, broad-based Policy Advisory Council; the addition of a Public Participation Plan for the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) detailing public participation efforts of MTC and partner regional agencies, and incorporating related work by local government partners; clarification of the principles that guide MTC's public involvement efforts, and the steps involved in updating and revising the Regional Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program.

The public comment period for the Draft Public Participation Plan closed on August 23, with a large number of comments received (letter correspondence received and a summary of email comments is posted on MTC's Web site: www.mtc.ca.gov/get_involved/participation_plan.htm). The initial schedule called for bringing a summary of comments and responses to your September meeting; however, staff is taking extra time to review and adequately respond to the comments.

Recommendation

Staff seeks the Committee's approval to modify the schedule to allow staff additional time to revise the draft plan based on the public comments received, and reissue the document for a second 45-day comment period later in September. Final approval of the plan would be slated for December 2010.

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