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Memorandum

TO: Legislation Committee

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FR: Executive Director

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RE: Sacramento & Washington, D.C. Visits 2011

Planning is underway for our annual advocacy efforts in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

Sacramento Advocacy

This year, staff plans to focus on district offices, with a particular emphasis on introducing the work we do to the six new Bay Area members of the State Assembly — Michael Allen (District 6, Marin County), Susan Bonilla (District 11, Contra Costa County), Bob Wieckowski (District 20, Alameda County), Rich Gordon (District 21, San Mateo County), and Nora Campos (District 23, Santa Clara County).

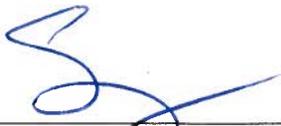
MTC staff has already been in contact with a number of your offices to check your availability for meetings with law makers. The goal of these meetings is to 1) advocate for MTC's 2011 Legislative Program; and 2) inform the delegation about key Bay Area transportation projects and initiatives such as the upcoming Sustainable Communities Strategy. This effort, in part to meet the requirements of SB 375, requires significant public outreach in which the delegation may want to participate.

Washington D.C.

As in past years, the trip will coincide with the American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) annual legislative conference (held a week later than usual this year) and will feature the popular California transportation reception on Capitol Hill. Below are key dates:

- Tuesday, March 15 — Meetings throughout the day with members of the Bay Area congressional delegation, Administration officials and key legislative staff. APTA Legislative Reception.
- Wednesday, March 16 — Additional meetings with members of the Bay Area congressional delegation, Administration officials and key legislative staff followed by the annual California transportation community's reception from 5-7 p.m.
- Thursday, March 17 — Spillover meetings with members of the Bay Area congressional delegation and key staff (optional). Return to the Bay Area.

We will provide you with more detail and other information in the coming weeks. Please do not hesitate to contact Randy Rentschler or Rebecca Long if you have questions.



Steve Heminger