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Memorandum

TO: MTC Commission

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FR: MTC Policy Advisory Council

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RE: Comments Regarding Upcoming SCS/RTP Equity Analysis

The Policy Advisory Council met on Wednesday, February 9, and considered a motion from its Equity and Access Subcommittee to forward a statement to the Commission regarding the upcoming SCS/RTP Equity Analysis. An amended motion was passed (with two voting against), and that statement, as amended, is as follows:

While federal regulations require the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to consider the impact of various transportation related policies, programs and projects on the Bay Area's low income and minority populations, in the overall picture of meeting the transportation needs of Bay Area residents, we believe the scope of such impact analysis needs to be broader and more inclusive. As a matter of policy, we ask that MTC recognize that the transportation impacts and needs of other dependent populations – in particular those of seniors, youth and persons with disabilities – should be identified as a central issue of concern along with those of low-income and minority communities. Therefore, the Policy Advisory Council hereby urges MTC to commit to expanding the federal equity analysis requirements that will also serve as Bay Area transportation planning and policy development documents to go beyond impacts on minority and low-income communities to include the impacts on the Bay Area's senior, youth and disabled population.