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This memo summarizes the key activities planned for public outreach and involvement for the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. With the release of the Initial Vision Scenario in March, and leading up to adoption of detailed scenarios in July, ABAG and MTC are planning the following:

- **Briefings for local elected officials in each county** — We are in the process of setting up forums in all nine counties (through Congestion Management Agencies or other appropriate agencies) following the March release of the Initial Vision Scenario. We will conduct these meetings in March and early April, to give elected officials a chance to hear directly about information pertaining to the communities they represent and the process moving forward. City managers will be invited to participate. A tool kit is also being prepared for elected officials who wish to conduct meetings in their communities.
- **Planner-to-Planner Briefings** — ABAG and MTC's planning staff will organize a Planning Directors' Forum in each county to provide technical briefings with key local planning staff to discuss the results of the Initial Vision Scenario analysis.
- **Countywide Workshops** — We will conduct public workshops in all nine counties. Some of these forums will be held in partnership with the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, which is leading an effort known as "Envision Bay Area" to draw more Bay Area residents into the discussion about SCS. The format will be similar in all nine counties, and will include an internet-based tool to illustrate different options for future growth and travel, and show tradeoffs associated with different choices. We will notify the Partnership Board about the schedule for these workshops well in advance, and we will work with CMAs to promote public meetings on the development of county project priorities.
- **Partnerships with Community Organizations** — MTC and ABAG are seeking to partner with community- and faith-based organizations, as well as local nonprofits to involve low-income communities and communities of color in development of the SCS planning scenarios. We issued an RFP with funding available to cover organizations' costs in helping us plan and execute strategies for public involvement, and will be selecting up to 10 groups to partner with in the coming weeks.
- **Telephone Poll/Focus Groups** — Later this spring we will conduct a telephone survey of Bay Area residents on topics such as housing and development patterns, and to get their views on a range of strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



- **Web, Visualization and e-news** — A more high-profile, interactive web presence, electronic newsletters and social media are planned to keep those interested up to date and engaged in the development of Plan Bay Area.

At the county congestion management agency level, CMAs will also be conducting public meetings and seeking public comments on local transportation projects as part of the Call for Projects. We will coordinate meeting schedules and include information on public meetings on the OneBayArea web site.

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