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Memorandum

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FR: Pam Grove, Staff Liaison
RE: Staff Liaison Report – July 2011

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2011-2012 Policy Advisory Council Work Plan

At the June Policy Advisory Council meeting, revisions to the coming year's work plan were adopted, and Chair Sandoval asked staff to provide the Council with a copy of the final version. The edits approved at the meeting have been made, and attached to this staff report is a copy of the 2011-2012 Policy Advisory Council work plan.

Revision to August Meeting Schedule

Most of MTC's committees are in recess during the month of August. However, in order to ensure the Council gets briefed and has an opportunity to weigh in on a consolidated grant proposal that would provide local incentives for implementing Plan Bay Area, the Council has scheduled its next meeting for Wednesday, August 10. The meeting will be held at the normal time – from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm – but the meeting room has been changed to Conference Room 171. A packet will be mailed to the Council approximately one week prior to the meeting.

Last Call: New Freedom Grants

As mentioned in this report last month, MTC is in the final stage of soliciting projects in the San Francisco Bay Area's large urbanized areas for the Federal Transit Administration's New Freedom grant program (49 USC Section 5317). The New Freedom program provides grants for new capital and operating projects aimed at reducing, beyond the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, transportation barriers faced by individuals with disabilities. The available funding is \$3.7 million for the Bay Area's large urbanized areas. Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, local government authorities, and public transportation operators. **Applications are due no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, August 5, 2011.** (Note: The deadline may be extended by the Programming and Allocations Committee at its July 13 meeting.)

Additional information, including MTC's Program Guidelines and the application form, is available at http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/new_freedom.htm. For questions and more information, contact the program manager, Kristen Mazur, at 510-817-5789.

2010 Pothole Report Released

The 2010 Pothole Report was released last month and is now available for download online and from the MTC-ABAG Library. The annual pavement assessment of the Bay Area's streets and roads is a supplement to MTC's annual jurisdiction-by-jurisdiction ranking of the region's pavement condition index (PCI) scores. The report looks at some of the key factors that affect the condition of our roads and catalogs the challenges for pavement management, including the need for more funding.

To read the June 22nd press release on the pothole report, go to http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/press_releases/rel532.htm

The full 2010 Pothole report is available for download online at www.mtc.ca.gov/library/pothole_report/ or it can be ordered from the MTC-ABAG Library by phoning 510-817-5836.

Business Outreach Committee Update

In addition to the Business Outreach Committee (BOC) newsletter information attached to Agenda Item 6 of this packet, on Tuesday, July 12, 2011, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., the BOC will hold an Open House here at the MTC offices, 101 8th Street, in Oakland. Attached is a copy of the event flyer, which can also be downloaded from MTC's web site at <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/jobs/events/7-12-11.pdf>.

For questions about the BOC, please contact Denise Rodrigues at 510-817-5897 or via e-mail at drodrigues@mtc.ca.gov.

Transportation for America Report on Senior Mobility

Last month Transportation for America (a coalition of organizations lobbying to reform the nation's transportation system), released a report on the future of transportation for seniors, among other statistics. The report – *Aging in Place, Stuck without Options* – ranks metro areas by the percentage of seniors with poor access to public transportation, now and in the coming years, and presents other data on aging and transportation. Information on the report, Transportation for America, and a online version of the report can be found at <http://t4america.org/resources/seniorsmobilitycrisis2011/>.

New Report Maps California's Energy Future to 2050

The California Council on Science and Technology has released a report that maps California's energy future out to the year 2050 and looks ahead at what is required to meet the goals to reduce the state's carbon fuel emissions. The two-year report – *California's Energy Future – The View to 2050* – was funded by the California Energy Commission, the S.D. Bechtel Foundation and the California Air Resources Board and completed by committee of volunteers from major energy research institutions in the state. To learn more and to download the report itself, go to <http://www.ccst.us/>.

From the Executive Director's Report

The following item of interest was in the June 2011 Executive Director's Report to the Commission:

- ***California Transportation Foundation Award — Sacramento, June 15***
The California Transportation Foundation (CTF) announced their 2010 Transportation Award winners at their annual luncheon last week. The award for Sustainable Transportation Study or Program of the Year went to MTC's Climate Initiatives Program. The CTF Transportation Awards recognize excellence in transportation projects throughout California.

To read the entire Executive Director's report to the Commission, go to http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/ed_report.htm.

Attachments

2011-2012 POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL WORK PLAN

Overview

The MTC Policy Advisory Council (Council), as an advisory body to the MTC, has been requested by the Commission to consider a number of initiatives in constructing a work plan. These include: a Sustainable Communities Strategy for inclusion in the next Regional Transportation Plan; a Social Equity analysis for inclusion in the Regional Transportation Plan; the Transit Sustainability Project; an updated Public Participation Plan; input into the Pricing of transportation in the Bay Area; and potential Legislation that could assist with the Commission's work. In discussing these initiatives, the Council sees them as linked, and therefore has developed the following work plan which seeks to integrate these components into work products that will be of value to the Commission and the Bay Area Community as a whole.

Key Elements

- **Sustainable Communities Strategy**

The Council views the Sustainable Communities Strategy as the overriding and comprehensive policy area that includes as components the other initiatives suggested to the Council by the Commission. Therefore, the Council will develop recommendations to the MTC for the next Regional Transportation Plan on a Sustainable Communities Strategy that responds to state climate change legislation (SB 375) for reducing transportation sources of greenhouse gases, and considers the impacts of transportation investment and land use, equity, safety, public health, environmental protection, pricing, and the role of transit.

- **Social Equity**

The Council believes that social equity should be considered in every aspect of the Commission's work. In this regard, the Council will provide policy recommendations to the Commission to ensure that traditionally underserved communities share equally in the transportation system without bearing an undue burden with respect to negative impacts. In addition, the Council will provide recommendations to MTC regarding the need to adjust transportation planning and funding priorities in response to the changing demographics and travel needs of the Bay Area's populations. The Council also will work to develop social equity goals for the next Regional Transportation Plan.

- **Transit Sustainability Project**

The Council recognizes that a financially-sound, cost-effective public transit system that is responsive to rider needs is a key component of a Sustainable Communities Strategy. In this regard, the Council will work to provide policy advice to MTC regarding the Transit Sustainability Project.

- **Public Participation**

As advisors to MTC, the Council recognizes the critical importance of public involvement in transportation policy decisions. Therefore, the Council will work to provide suggestions for increasing public involvement in MTC's decisions and will work with MTC staff to review the agency's Public Participation Plan.

- **Pricing Policies**

The members of the Council understand that one of the key factors individuals consider when evaluating their transportation choices is the pricing of the alternatives, and that pricing is also an equity issue. The Council will work to evaluate MTC's pricing policies in the upcoming initiatives and new strategies.

- **Legislative Initiatives**

The Council has been asked by the Commission to consider what possible legislative changes might be needed in order to implement Plan Bay Area. The Council will agendize this topic and possibly enlist staff or other experts to give briefings, background information or opinions.

Subcommittees/Working Groups

The Council will have one standing subcommittee on the subject of Equity and Access. This subcommittee will take a closer look at details related to the development of social equity goals for the Regional Transportation Plan and transportation access, the impact of various policies on the region's underserved and low-income communities, and access and mobility issues related to senior and disabled populations.

In addition, as topics require a more in-depth discussion, the Council will form ad hoc working groups or short-term subcommittees. These groups should be very specifically defined with specific objectives to be achieved within a specified timeframe.

Business Outreach Committee OPEN HOUSE

The Business Outreach Committee (BOC), a consortium of Bay Area transportation agencies, invites you to its Open House to learn about upcoming contracting opportunities on:

Tuesday, July 12, 2011
Drop in between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.
at

Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)
101 Eighth Street, Oakland, CA 94607

WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

▲ **LEARN** about upcoming opportunities for

- **CONSTRUCTION**
- **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**
- **GOODS AND SERVICES**

▲ **NETWORK** with and market your firm to agency personnel.

▲ **MEET** staff from regional Resource Organizations

MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON THE BOC MAILING LIST BY REGISTERING ONLINE AT:

<https://spreadsheets0.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dFNXbHgzempxWHd1VXE5dIVSeER5SXc6MQ>

For more information, contact Maria Cordero, 415-701-5239
Directions to MTC are attached.



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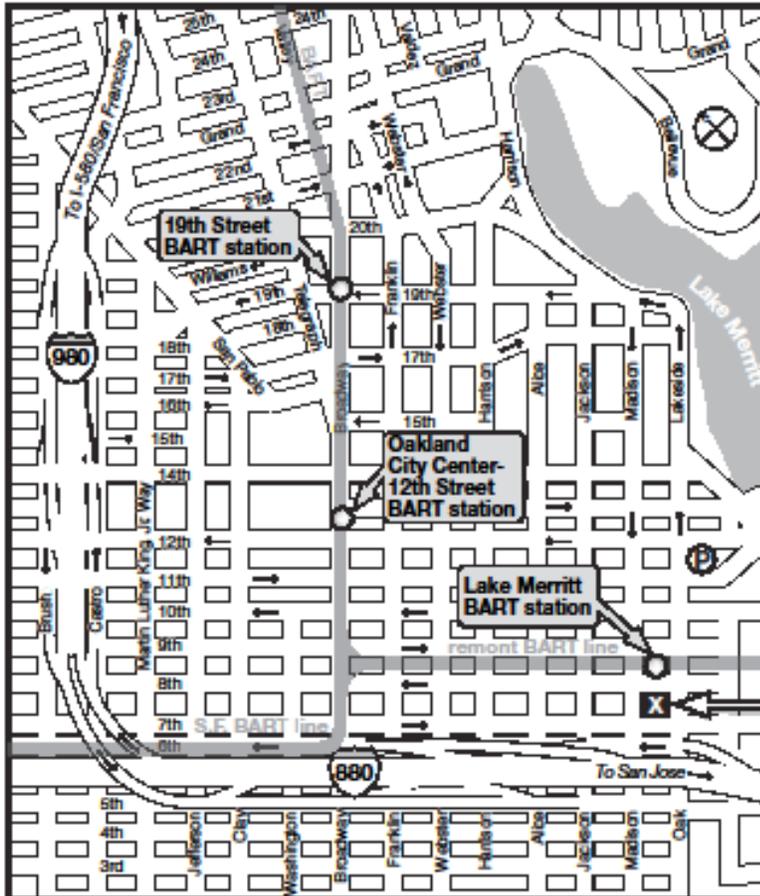
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- **BART**

Lake Merritt station

- **AC Transit**

11 from Piedmont or Montclair; 59 or 59A from Montclair; 62 from East or West Oakland; 88 from Berkeley.

- **Amtrak**

C.L. Dellums Station (2nd and Alice Streets)

- **Auto**

From the San Francisco Bay Bridge, take I-580 East, exit onto I-980 West, merge onto I-880 South, take the Jackson St. exit and go straight on 5th, left on Oak and left on 8th.

Travelling south on I-980, merge onto I-880 South, take the Jackson St. exit and go straight on 5th, left on Oak and left on 8th.

Travelling north on the Nimitz Freeway (I-880), take the Oak St. exit.

- **Parking**

Oakland Museum – 11th and Oak (underground parking, entrance on Oak between 11th and 12th). Metered parking is available on streets in the MetroCenter vicinity. Parking lot behind the MetroCenter is for BART patrons only.

- **From the Oakland Airport**

AIR BART shuttle from Oakland Airport to BART is near baggage claim, but outside terminal. Cost is \$3 (no change given). Take BART to Lake Merritt station.

For detailed transit directions, visit: www.511.org