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Memorandum

TO: Legislation Committee

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FR: Executive Director

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RE: MTC Public Involvement Activities

This memorandum provides an overview of MTC's recent and upcoming public involvement activities.

Plan Bay Area

- The first round of public engagement on Plan Bay Area wrapped up last June with a report to the Joint MTC Planning/ABAG Administration Committee on public comments heard to inform a July MTC/ABAG decision on land use and transportation scenarios. In all, 10 workshops drew nearly 800 participants. Another 1,600 individuals from low-income communities and communities of color completed surveys on their priorities.
- MTC's and ABAG's unprecedented public engagement on Plan Bay Area continues in January, with a second round of workshops — one in each Bay Area county — being planned (see Attachment A). The forums will provide the public with opportunities to express their views on the type and intensity of future development and housing patterns, as proposed in the alternative scenarios, as well as specific priorities for transportation infrastructure and policies needed to support the desired growth. We are hoping that Commissioners can attend these forums. Staff will work with Commissioners to prepare for the workshops.

MTC Policy Advisory Council Review

- In late 2010, MTC consolidated its three advisory panels into a new Policy Advisory Council. The accompanying action also called for a review of the effectiveness of the new body after 18 months. Consequently, staff is beginning the process of conducting that review, which will likely include surveys of Commissioners as well as current advisors. This review will start in the next few weeks, and will inform the next recruitment of advisory council representatives. Current terms are set to expire in March 2012.

MTC Awards Program

- MTC's biennial awards program will take place in 2012, and we will be seeking nominations for outstanding and innovative projects that have made a difference for Bay Area transportation. Please let MTC's director of Legislation and Public Affairs, Randy Rentschler, know of any worthy award candidates.

Title VI Clipper Outreach

- MTC is seeking public comment on a *Clipper Title VI Draft Summary Report for Fare Media Transitions*. Last September, the Commission released the report for public review. Comments are due by 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 22, 2011. The report outlines how MTC and Bay Area transit operators are working to ensure that customers with limited English proficiency, minorities, and low-income residents who are protected by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Environmental Justice principles are not adversely affected.
- MTC plans to partner with community-based organizations (CBOs) to get feedback from low-income communities, communities of color, and persons with limited English proficiency on the proposed mitigation strategies for the Clipper® program, as well as on our general outreach strategy.

Federal Transit Administration Title VI Information Session

- The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is proposing guidance in the form of a regulatory “Circular” to assist recipients of FTA funds in complying with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- Additionally, the FTA is proposing a new Environmental Justice Circular that provides recommendations to FTA funding recipients on how to fully engage environmental justice populations in the public transportation decision-making process; how to determine whether environmental justice populations would be subjected to disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental impacts as a result of a transportation plan, project, or activity; and how to avoid, minimize, or mitigate these impacts.
- FTA is hosting an information session in the Bay Area on this guidance on Monday, Nov. 14, 2011, at 6 p.m. at the Ed Roberts Campus in Berkeley. To register, interested persons should visit www.FTAInformationSession.com. Registration is free.



Steve Heminger

Attachment

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Plan Bay Area Winter 2012 Workshops

Date/Time	Location	County
Thursday, Jan. 5 6 p.m.	UCSF Mission Bay Conference Center 1675 Owens Street San Francisco	San Francisco
Monday, Jan. 9 6 p.m.	Finley Community Center 2060 W. College Ave. Santa Rosa	Sonoma
Tuesday, Jan. 10 5:30 p.m.	San Mateo Public Library 55 W. Third Avenue San Mateo	San Mateo
Wednesday, Jan. 11 6 p.m.	City of Dublin Civic Center 100 Civic Plaza Dublin	Alameda
Tuesday, Jan. 17 6 p.m.	Marin Center 10 Avenue of the Flags San Rafael	Marin
Wednesday, Jan. 18 5:30 p.m.	Santa Clara County Government Center 70 W. Hedding San Jose	Santa Clara
Thursday, Jan. 19 6 p.m.	Napa Elks Lodge 2840 Soscol Avenue Napa	Napa
Monday, Jan. 23 6 p.m.	Richmond Convention Center 403 Civic Center Plaza Richmond	Contra Costa
Wednesday, Jan. 25 6 p.m.	Solano County Events Center 601 Texas Street Fairfield	Solano