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## *Memorandum*

TO: Select Committee on Transit Sustainability

DATE: January 25, 2012

FR: Executive Director

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RE: Transit Sustainability Project Update

The Transit Sustainability Project (TSP) is composed of three areas of technical analysis: financial, service and institutional. At your January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, staff will provide a status report and present for your discussion and feedback the draft recommendations for an approach to establishing accountability for improving financial and service performance.

### **Background**

The TSP is being informed by significant consultation with the Project Steering Committee (PSC) and Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) focused on the financial, service and paratransit analysis. The PSC is composed of twenty one members and meets approximately every other month to provide executive-level input from the transportation agency, government, labor, business, environmental and equity perspectives throughout the course of the project. Material presented today to the Select Committee has been reviewed with the PSC.

In addition, staff has presented information about the TSP to the MTC Policy Advisory Council, as well as at multiple public events and forums sponsored by interested parties. Additional public outreach is underway in coordination with outreach for Plan Bay Area.

### **Financial and Service Performance**

At your meeting, we will discuss revisions to the initial approach presented at your October meeting. We continue to recommend an overall financial performance goal of a 10% reduction in operating cost per hour. In terms of service performance, we are recommending an investment and incentive approach. We will present both for your feedback, hold one more meeting to receive final Project Steering Committee input and present a final recommendation in a joint meeting of the Select and Project Steering Committees in February. The presentation on this item is attached.

### **Additional TSP Focus Areas**

The third and final element of the TSP, the institutional analysis, is underway. Recommendations will be presented in February incorporating the TSP financial and service work.

Additionally, at the sub-regional level, we are conducting more detailed analysis in the Inner East Bay (focusing on the overlapping service areas of AC Transit and BART). The Inner East Bay

analysis includes a comprehensive service and market review of AC Transit and BART service, an examination of opportunities to improve connectivity between the two systems, identification of gaps or duplication of service coverage, and resource requirements for service improvements.

### Schedule

We propose to hold a joint TSP Select Committee/Project Steering Committee meeting in February, followed by a March release of draft recommendations for public comment of all three elements of the TSP work program: financial, service and institutional. We hope to present final project recommendations for Commission approval in April, prior to Commission action on the preferred Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) in May. Specific meeting dates are still pending.

Milestone	Schedule
Update Select Committee/Approve Transit Performance Initiative	January 2012
Joint TSP Select Committee/Project Steering Committee	February 2012
Release Draft Recommendations for Public Comment	March 2012
Final Recommendations to the Select Committee and Full Commission	April 2012



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