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## *Memorandum*

TO: Commission

DATE: February 15, 2012

FR: Legislation Committee

W. I.: 1131

RE: Staff Recommendations

**As of the date of this memorandum, the Legislation Committee has not met. The recommendations below are *staff recommendations*. The Committee will meet on February 17 to consider and refer their recommendations to the Commission at their February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.**

- **MTC Resolution No. 3931, Revised** extends the terms of the current Policy Advisory Council members through July 2013 to allow for their continued service through the adoption of Plan Bay Area.

**Staff Recommendation: Extend Policy Advisory Council members' terms through July 2013.**

- **AB 819 (Wieckowski)** would require the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) establish procedures for cities, counties and local agencies to request approval to use nonstandard planning, design and construction features in the construction of bikeways and roadways where bicycle travel is permitted.

**Staff Recommendation: Support AB 819 (Wieckowski).**

- **H.R. 7 (Mica), the American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act of 2012**, would authorize funds for federal-aid highway, public transportation, and highway and motor carrier safety programs, and for other purposes. **H.R. 3864 (Camp), the American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Financing Act of 2012**, is the companion financing bill.

**Staff Recommendation: Oppose H.R. 7 (Mica) and H.R. 3864 (Camp).**

- **S. 1813 (Boxer), the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21) Act** is a bill to reauthorize federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

**Staff Recommendation: Support S. 1813 (Boxer) and seek amendments that enhance the policy advances and maximize the region's share of funding from MAP-21.**

- **S. 2006 (Lautenberg), the “Commuter Protection Act”**, would require that tolls for passage on any bridge or tunnel on a federal aid highway must be “just and reasonable” and subject to review and regulation by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**Staff Recommendation: Oppose S. 2006 (Lautenberg).**