

Agenda Item 8



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Memorandum

TO: Policy Advisory Council
FR: Pam Grove, Staff Liaison
RE: Staff Liaison Report – July 2012

DATE: July 3, 2012

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Reminder: No Meetings in August

MTC does not typically hold meetings in August; therefore, the next Policy Advisory Council meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, September 12. Enjoy the end of your summer!

Plan Bay Area Environmental Impact Review Meeting Added in Solano County

For your information, as a result of comments received from the Policy Advisory Council at your last meeting, staff added an Environmental Impact Review Scoping meeting in Solano County. The meeting was held on:

- Monday, June 25 – 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Solano County Events Center
601 Texas Street
Fairfield, California

As a reminder, the comment period for the draft EIR alternatives remains open for written comments through July 11. Written comments should be address to:

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Questions about the Plan Bay Area EIR process can be directed to Stefanie Hom (510-817-5756; shom@mtc.ca.gov) or Ashley Nguyen (510-817-5809; anguyen@mtc.ca.gov).

Draft 2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Released for Review

MTC released the Draft 2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Draft Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis for public comment on Friday, June 22, 2012.

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Draft 2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Released for Review (continued)

public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, July 11, 2012, in San Francisco. Staff will be at your July 11 meeting to give a brief overview of the 2013 TIP and receive the Council's comments. Written comments will be accepted through 5 pm on Thursday, August 2, 2012. For questions and comments on the 2013 TIP, contact Sri Srinivasan at 510.817.5793 or ssrinivasan@mtc.ca.gov.

From the Executive Director's Report

The following items of interest were in the June 2012 Executive Director's Report to the Commission:

- ***New High Speed Rail CEO — Sacramento, May 29***
The California High Speed Rail Authority has hired former Caltrans director Jeff Morales as their new chief executive officer. For the last several years, Jeff has served as a senior vice president at the Parsons Brinckerhoff engineering firm. Congratulations to Jeff on this return engagement to California state government.
- ***CTC Endorses Proposition 1A Bond Allocations — Sacramento, June 8***
In welcome news, California Transportation Commission (CTC) Executive Director Bimla Rhinehart briefed the California High Speed Rail Authority on the CTC's plans to move forward to approve a revised Proposition 1A connectivity fund program that includes projects in the Bay Area and Southern California memoranda of understanding (MOU) for early investment in those respective regions. As you will recall, the Bay Area MOU calls for electrification and construction of positive train control technology in the Peninsula corridor between San Jose and San Francisco where high speed trains will share tracks with the popular Caltrain commuter service.
- ***TIGER Grants Awarded — Washington, D.C., June 22***
U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood announced that 47 transportation projects in 34 states will be awarded grants in the latest round of the TIGER program. Two Bay Area projects placed in the money: \$15 million for the Port of Oakland intermodal rail project and \$10 million for transportation improvements at the new UCSF Mission Bay campus.
- ***Award-winning Interchange — Alameda County***
The 880/92 interchange project – the last major capital improvement of the Regional Measure 1 toll bridge program – received a “Tranny” award last month as the Interchange of the Year in 2011. Congratulations especially to MTC's Peter Lee who was our project leader throughout the lengthy construction period.

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