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Memorandum

TO: Policy Advisory Council

DATE: September 5, 2012

FR: Pam Grove, Staff Liaison

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RE: Staff Liaison Report – September 2012

Final Title VI Circular

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has placed on its web site the final updated Title VI Circular, “Title VI Requirements and Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients.” FTA’s revised circular provides information for grantees on how to comply with the Department of Transportation’s (DOT) Title VI regulations, as well as information designed to ensure grantees provide meaningful language access to persons who are limited English proficient. The circular provides specific compliance information for each type of grantee (e.g., transit providers, MPOs, State DOTs and others) and provides comprehensive appendices, including additional guidance and examples to ensure recipients understand the requirements. FTA will provide webinars and other training opportunities for grantees; updates on webinars will be posted to FTA’s Title VI webpage (<http://www.fta.dot.gov/civilrights/12328.html>). Please register for email blasts on that page to receive the latest educational opportunities.

Online links to the Circular and Federal Register notice are available here:
http://www.fta.dot.gov/legislation_law/12349_14792.html

For questions about the circular or the update process, please contact Denise Rodrigues ([drodrigues@mtc.ca.gov](mailto:d Rodrigues@mtc.ca.gov)).

Clipper® News

Following is news and information regarding the Clipper program:

- Regarding Clipper implementation on the remaining Bay Area transit agencies, Clipper staff reports they are currently in the midst of Phase 3, which includes Marin Transit and Union City Transit. In addition, work has begun on implementation of the smaller operators in Napa and Solano counties. Staff hopes to complete implementation for all of those agencies by 2013. The remaining operators in Contra Costa County, Alameda County and Sonoma County will be scheduled following Phase 3.

Clipper® News (continued)

- The \$3 acquisition fee for new adult Clipper cards went into effect on September 1st. As an incentive for customers to try automatically reloading their Clipper cards, Clipper will waive the \$3 fee for customers who sign up for the Autoload feature when they order a card online at clippercard.com. Note that the new \$3 fee is only for new Adult Clipper cards; Youth and Senior Clipper cards remain free, and the fee for a Regional Transit Connection Clipper card, for transit riders with qualifying disabilities, remains \$3. More information on Clipper cards and the new fee – including a question-and-answer page – can be found online at MTC’s press release page at http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/press_releases/rel575_q-a.htm.
- Should a replacement Clipper card be needed (if a card is lost, stolen or defective), cardholders can:
 - Call customer service at **877.878.8883 (TDD/TTY 711 or 800.735.2929)**, or
 - Log into their “My Clipper” account at www.clippercard.com and click on the “*report lost or stolen card*” link.

TIP Adoption

Adoption of the 2013 Transportation Improvement Program is being continued until after the adoption of Plan Bay Area. A revised 2013 TIP adoption schedule will provide additional opportunities public review. For more information, see the attached memo (Attachment A) presented at the September 12, 2012 Programming and Allocations Committee meeting.

EBHO Cross-Trainings on Transportation and Housing

East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO) is sponsoring two training sessions on transportation policy and affordable housing. These meetings are focused on shared areas of land use planning and funding, and helping transportation and housing professionals and advocates develop a common language. The two upcoming trainings (which are free of charge and are open to the public) will be held on:

Transportation 101
Monday, October 1
12-12:30 p.m.

Affordable Housing 101
Thursday, October 4
12-12:30 p.m.

Both events will be held at the California Endowment Oakland Conference Center, 1111 Broadway, 7th Floor, Oakland, CA. (Note that while these first two are being held in Oakland, more of these events are being planned for other areas of the region.)

Registration for these events is required, and more information can be found online at <http://www.ebho.org/> or by contacting Gloria Bruce (510-663-3830, ext. 322 or Gloria@ebho.org). For your convenience, attached is a copy of the flyer (Attachment B).

MTC Issues Statement on Regional Headquarters Purchase

On August 28, 2012, MTC issued a statement following the release of the California State Auditor's report on the October 2011 purchase of an office building at 390 Main Street in San Francisco as a headquarters facility to provide more integrated and efficient regional planning for the Bay Area. In an excerpt from that statement, the Commission chair and vice chair had the following comments:

"We are pleased that the state auditor confirmed that this action was within our legal authority," said Adrienne Tissier, Chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and San Mateo County Supervisor. *"We retained outside legal counsel and followed their advice scrupulously throughout the entire process."*

Commission Vice Chair Amy Worth, representing the cities of Contra Costa, added, *"We appreciate the audit recognized that the Commission listened to the public and took meaningful steps to respond to comments,"* noting, *"The Commission withdrew from the initial purchase agreement and took a 60-day 'cooling off period' to re-evaluate all aspects of this decision before we decided to proceed."*

Details of the audit can be found in the summary press release issued by MTC on August 28th. To read the press release online, download a comment letter from Chair Tissier, or download the entire auditor's report, go to http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/press_releases/rel579.htm.

MTC and 511 Release 2012 Edition of Getting There on Transit Guide

MTC and 511 (the Bay Area's Traveler Information Service) have released the 2012 edition of the *Getting There on Transit* guide, a free publication that features route information for the Bay Area's transit systems, as well as over 250 popular destinations. While free transit information is also available by calling 511, going to 511.org, or using the 511 SF Bay-Transit app on a smart phone, the popular printed guide offers both frequent and occasional transit users an easy-to-understand overview of the region's diverse transit modes, routes and agencies. Newly added in this seventh edition are the region's 150 free Park & Ride lots, shown on county maps and on an overview map. Additionally, transit information in the guide has been updated to include information about Clipper[®], the Bay Area's all-in-one reloadable transit card.

Copies of the *Getting There on Transit* guide will be available to the Policy Advisory Council at your September 12, 2012 meeting, and a PDF of the guide can be downloaded at http://www.mtc.ca.gov/library/getting_there/Getting_There_On_Transit_2012.pdf.

Additional copies can be ordered through the MTC-ABAG Library by , and additional copies can be ordered through the MTC-ABAG Library by sending an email to library@mtc.ca.gov, a fax to 510.817.5848, or by phoning 510.817.5836. For more information on the new guide, see the press release online at http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/press_releases/rel580.htm.

Executive Director's Report

To read the July 2012 Executive Director's report to the Commission, go to http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/ed_report.htm.

ATTACHMENT A

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

September 12, 2012

Item Number 4a

2013 Transportation Improvement Program

Subject: Recommend postponement of the 2013 Transportation Improvement Program adoption.

Background: The federally required Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a comprehensive listing of Bay Area surface transportation capital projects that receive federal funds or are subject to a federally required action or are regionally significant. MTC, as the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area Region, prepares and adopts the TIP at least once every four years. Federal regulations also require an opportunity for public comment prior to TIP approval.

The Draft 2013 TIP and accompanying Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis, were released for public review and comment on June 22, 2012. MTC held a public hearing on July 11, 2012, and the comment period closed on August 2, 2012. A summary of the 2013 TIP comments received and staff's response, is included as Attachment A. Comments and staff's responses on the Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis are included as Attachment B.

Several commenters noted the timing mismatch between the scheduled adoption of the 2013 TIP and Plan Bay Area. MTC and the other Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in California have historically followed a Caltrans directed update schedule (that is consistent statewide) to update the TIP every two years. However, staff is recommending deferral of the 2013 TIP adoption to achieve better alignment with the Plan Bay Area development schedule, with an anticipated adoption in spring 2013.

Staff will continue the Draft 2013 TIP development through the fall and winter, and make necessary changes as a result of the adoption of Plan Bay Area. The revised 2013 TIP adoption schedule will provide additional opportunities for public review.

A project that is included in the Draft 2013 TIP and received advance public comment is the Dixon West "B" Street Undercrossing Project. Staff's response is included in Attachment A. A letter from the Solano Transportation Authority related to the project is also included as Attachment C. As background, this project is currently included in the 2011 TIP, and the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) has approved additional funding for the project through the OneBayArea Grant (OBAG) Program. As the STA has followed a project selection process that is consistent with MTC Resolution 4035 and the TIP amendment procedures, staff proposes to add the OBAG funding into the project through an

administrative TIP modification. Because of the comments raised, staff is bringing this to the Commission's attention before taking this administrative action.

Issues: None

Recommendation: Since the Committee is not being asked to take any action on the proposed 2013 TIP, this item is for information only.

Attachments: Attachment A – Responses to TIP public comment
Attachment B – Responses to Air Quality Conformity Determination comments
Attachment C- Letter from Solano Transportation Authority

ATTACHMENT B

Pam Grove - Fwd: RE: Join EBHO for Transportation & Housing "Cross-Trainings": Oct. 1 & 4

From: Pam Grove

Subject: Fwd: RE: Join EBHO for Transportation & Housing "Cross-Trainings": Oct. 1 & 4



EBHO Cross-Trainings on Transportation and Housing: Oct. 1, Oct. 4

School's back in session! EBHO is excited to offer these paired trainings with experts on transportation policy and affordable housing, focused on shared areas of land use planning and funding, and helping transportation and housing professionals and advocates develop a common language. Both trainings are free of charge and open to the public.

Monday, October 1: Transportation 101: A Training for Affordable Housing Professionals & Advocates

Thursday, October 4: Housing 101: A Training for Transportation Professionals & Advocates

More details and RSVP information below and at www.EBHO.org.

East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO) presents:

Transportation 101: A Training for Affordable Housing Professionals & Advocates

Monday, October 1

12 - 2:30 PM
The California Endowment Oakland Conference Center
1111 Broadway, 7th Floor, Oakland [map]

Lunch will be provided; training is free but registration is required.

Please RSVP online by Friday, Sept. 28 by clicking here.

The state requirement that each region develop a Sustainable Communities Strategy makes it critical for transportation and housing professionals and advocates to work together on an integrated model of regional and local development. What are the connections between transportation and housing? Especially in a post-Redevelopment era, what are the linked policy and funding requirements, and planning processes? Attend this cross training specially designed for "housers" - and its companion training "Affordable Housing 101" on October 4 - to have a better understanding of how both transportation and affordable housing planning, policies, and funding work and how we can have the most impact.

Who should attend: Affordable housing developers and providers; city/county/regional officials and agency staff in planning and housing; planners and architects; legal and grassroots advocates, and you!

Speakers include:

Therese Trivedi, Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Beth Walukas, Alameda County Transportation Commission

Jeff Hobson, TransForm

Please RSVP here for Transportation 101.

East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO) presents:

Affordable Housing 101: A Training for Transportation Professionals & Advocates

The state requirement that each region develop a Sustainable Communities Strategy makes it critical for transportation and housing professionals and advocates to work together on an integrated model of regional and local development. What's more, dense, transit-oriented affordable housing helps support robust public transportation. What are the linked policy and funding requirements, and planning processes? Attend this cross training specially designed for transportation experts - and its companion training "Transportation 101" on October 1 - to have a better understanding of how both transportation and affordable housing planning, policies, and funding work and how we can have the most impact.

Who should attend: Transportation planners; developers; city/county/regional officials and agency staff; community advocates, and you!

Thursday, October 4
12 noon - 2:30 PM
The California Endowment Oakland Conference Center
1111 Broadway, 7th Floor, Oakland [map]

Lunch will be provided; training is free but registration is required.

Please RSVP online by clicking here.

Speakers include:

Mike Rawson, Public Interest Law Project

Jeff Levin, City of Oakland

Elissa Dennis, Community Economics

Carlos Castellanos, East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation (EBALDC)

For more on these trainings and other EBHO events, visit www.EBHO.org or contact [Gloria Bruce](#).

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"Affordable Housing: Building A Movement"

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