

Agenda Item 6



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Memorandum

TO: Policy Advisory Council

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FR: Pam Grove, Staff Liaison

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RE: Staff Liaison Report – January 2013

Bay Area's 511 Celebrates Ten-Year Anniversary

The Bay Area's 511 system celebrated its ten-year anniversary at MTC's December 14th Operations Committee. 511 is a one-stop phone and web resource for up-to-the-minute Bay Area traffic, transit, rideshare, bicycling and parking information. It is free of charge, is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and is estimated to assist millions of people each month.

To hear the audio archive of the December 14th Operations meeting or review meeting materials, go to <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/meetings/archive/>.

For more information about 511 and its ten-year anniversary, visit the press release section of the MTC web site at http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/press_releases/rel591.htm.

Draft Transportation 2035 Conformity Redetermination Analysis Released for Public Review

To ensure that MTC will be in compliance with the 2008 ozone national ambient air quality standards by July 20, 2013, MTC has prepared a conformity redetermination using the latest conformity analysis for the Transportation 2035 Plan and the 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The Draft Transportation 2035 Conformity Redetermination Analysis is now available for public review. The 30-day public review and comment period will close at 1 pm on January 14, 2013. Comments and questions should be addressed to Carolyn Clevenger at cclevenger@mtc.ca.gov.

For more information, and to view the draft document, go to:

http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/current_topics/12-12/conformity_analysis_release.htm

EPA Recognizes Affordable Housing Fund for Smart Growth Achievement

Last month, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) named the two-year-old Bay Area Transit Oriented Affordable Housing Fund a winner of their 2012 National Award for Smart Growth Achievement. The \$50 million revolving loan fund is among seven winners recognized last year for using creative approaches to build strong, sustainable communities while protecting human health.

To read more about the award, visit MTC's web site at:
http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/press_releases/rel588.htm.

Executive Director's Report

The following item of interest was in the December 2012 Executive Director's Report to the Commission:

- ***Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee, Oakland, December 13***
I chaired the regular monthly meeting of the Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee, which is gradually working its way out of a job with completion of the Dumbarton Bridge seismic retrofit work scheduled for March 2013 and opening of the new east span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge slated for Labor Day next year. As a reminder, however, there are still several years of demolition work on the old east span after we open the new one to traffic next September.

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