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Memorandum

TO: Policy Advisory Council
FR: Pam Grove, Staff Liaison
RE: Staff Liaison Report – April 2013

DATE: April 3, 2013
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Policy Advisory Council Recruitment for New Terms

Recruitment for the next four-year term (2013-2017) of the Policy Advisory Council will begin on Friday, April 5 and will run through May 10, 2013. All seats on the Council will be open, and current council members are encouraged to reapply.

The online application can be accessed via the MTC Web site at:

http://www.mtc.ca.gov/get_involved/advisory/

Once recruitment is closed, Commissioners will select their preferred candidates and will make final recommendations for approval by the full Commission in June 2013. The final meeting of the current Council is in July, orientation for the new Council will be held in August, and the new Council will hold its first meeting in September 2013.

Please let me or Lila know whether you plan to reapply, and feel free to contact us with any questions.

Reminder: Public Hearings on Plan Bay Area

The Draft Plan Bay Area and accompanying reports were released at the end of March and early April, and copies of the documents can now be found on the OneBayArea web site (www.onebayarea.org). For specific details of where to find each document, please refer to the memo for Agenda Item 4 in this meeting packet.

As a reminder, in April and May a series of public hearings and open houses will be held in each county to receive comment on the Draft Plan Bay Area. All open houses will be held from 6 pm to 7:30 pm, and all public hearings will be held from 7 pm to 9 pm. The dates for those hearings can be found on the OneBayArea web site (www.onebayarea.org), on the MTC web site (www.mtc.ca.gov), and are listed below for your quick reference.

Reminder: Public Hearings on Plan Bay Area (continued)

Monday, April 8, 2013

Sonoma County
Friedman Event Center
4676 Mayette Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA

Napa County
Elks Lodge
2840 Soscol Avenue
Napa, CA

Thursday, April 11, 2013

San Francisco
Hotel Whitcomb
1231 Market Street
San Francisco, CA

Monday, April 22, 2013

Solano County
Solano County Fairgrounds
McCormack Hall
900 Fairgrounds Drive
Vallejo, CA

Contra Costa County
Marriott Hotel
2355 North Main Street
Walnut Creek, CA

Monday, April 29, 2013

Marin County
Marin Center
Showcase Theater
10 Avenue of the Flags
San Rafael, CA

San Mateo County
Crowne Plaza Hotel
1221 Chess Drive
Foster City, CA

Wednesday, May 1, 2013

Santa Clara County
Hilton Hotel
300 Almaden Boulevard
San Jose, CA

Alameda County
Mirage Ballroom
4120 Peralta Boulevard
Fremont, CA

At the above public hearings, comments will be received on the Draft Plan Bay Area; the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR); the Draft 2013 Transportation Improvement Program, or TIP – a document that implements Plan Bay Area by identifying surface transportation projects over the next six years that are regionally significant or will receive federal funds; and the Draft Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis – an analysis to determine if transportation investments are consistent with goals to improve air quality.

In addition to the above-listed public hearings, three separate public hearings will also be held to receive comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The EIR examines the

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proposed Plan and four alternatives and the range of potential environmental impacts that could result from the implementation of Plan Bay Area. Oral comments on the EIR may be made at any of the Plan Bay Area hearings being held in each county, or at the following three separate EIR hearings:

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

10 am to 12 noon

Embassy Suites Hotel
Novato/Larkspur Room
101 McInnis Parkway
San Rafael, CA

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

7 pm to 9 pm

Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter
First Floor Auditorium
101 8th Street
Oakland, CA

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

1 pm to 3 pm

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Library
Rooms 225/229
150 East San Fernando Street
San Jose, CA

Executive Director's Report

The following items were in the March 2013 Executive Director's Report to the Commission:

- ***State Gas Tax Hike, Sacramento, February 28***
In a little-noticed action, the State Board of Equalization voted 3-2 to increase the state excise tax on fuel (more popularly known as the largest single component of the "gas tax") by 3.5 cents per gallon effective July 1, 2013. Although the vote broke along party lines, the action to index the fuel excise tax based on what a hypothetical sales tax on fuel would have generated is a compulsory requirement of the fuel tax swap enacted by the Legislature in 2010. As a result of this latest indexing, California will take the place of New York as the state with the highest "gas tax" rate in the nation.
- ***APTA Legislative Conference, Washington, DC, March 11-13***
Chair Worth and Vice Chair Cortese led a delegation of several commissioners on our annual "March Madness" visit to the nation's capital during the legislative conference of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA). Our Capitol Hill reception was particularly successful this trip, with outgoing Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, and numerous members of the California congressional delegation in attendance. Kudos to Tom Bulger for another productive visit. Copies of our advocacy book are at your places today.

To read the March 2013 Executive Director's report to the Commission in its entirety, go to http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/ed_report.htm.