

BayArea Plan

TO: Partnership Board

DATE: May 6, 2013

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RE: Plan Bay Area

Draft Plan Bay Area and Draft Environmental Impact Report

MTC and ABAG released the Draft Plan Bay Area on March 22, 2013, followed by the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) on April 2, 2013. Both documents are out for public review and comment until May 16, 2013.

At your May 6 meeting, staff will present an overview of the Draft Plan and Draft EIR for discussion and comment. Presentation slides are attached for your review prior to the meeting.

The Executive Summaries of each document are provided in Attachment 1 and Attachment 2; the complete documents, and several supplemental reports, are available on the www.onebayarea.org website. We would like to call special attention to Chapter 6 of the draft Plan (Attachment 3) which describes a number of complementary regional planning and advocacy initiatives to support the implementation of the Plan following its adoption.

Throughout the month of April and early May, MTC and ABAG are conducting a series of public outreach activities, including open houses and public hearings in each county, three public hearings dedicated to receiving comment on the draft EIR, a regional poll, and an on-line community forum.

Following the close of the public comment period on May 16, 2013, staff will review and summarize all comments and prepare draft recommendations for presentation to a joint meeting of the MTC Planning and ABAG Administrative Committees in June. The MTC Commission and ABAG Executive Board are scheduled to adopt the Final Plan Bay Area and EIR in July.

Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis of Plan Bay Area and the 2013 TIP

MTC released the Draft Transportation Air Quality Conformity Analysis for Plan Bay Area and the 2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on March 29, 2013. The Conformity analysis is required to ensure that the Plan and TIP are consistent with the purpose of the federal air quality plan, referred to as the State Implementation Plan (SIP). The conformity analysis determines whether motor vehicle emissions from the Plan and TIP are lower than the amounts specified in the SIP and national standards, and determines whether the Plan and TIP provide for timely implementation of Transportation Control Measures. The comment period for the Draft Conformity Analysis as well as the 2013 TIP closes on May 3, 2013.