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Memorandum

TO: Policy Advisory Council

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RE: Policy Advisory Council – 2014 Work Plan Discussion

In preparation for the upcoming work plan meeting with the Commission on February 12th, your meeting on January 8 will focus on the Council's 2014 work plan. This time will afford advisors a chance to get to know each other and gain an understanding of what is important to each of you.

Following the standard items at the beginning of the meeting (approval of meeting minutes, public comment, etc.), the Council will be divided into breakout discussion groups of six or seven. The smaller group setting is meant to encourage everyone's participation, creating a time to discuss individual interests and priorities. In preparation for this discussion, please be thinking about the following:

- What interests you most about transportation?
- What is important at the local level?
- How might these issues translate to MTC's work at the regional level?
- What do you consider to be the most important regional goals related to transportation?
- Are there any issues tangential to transportation that are important for MTC to consider?

After the small group discussion, the Council will come back together to report on topics from the breakout sessions. We will use this time to create a short list of items of key interest to Council members in the coming year.

In addition to determining some key items of interest to the Council, it is also helpful to note what is likely to be of importance to the Commission. Below is a list of topics/issues expected to come before the Commission in the coming year:

- **Plan Bay Area Implementation**
 - Staff will continue to bring transportation elements of Plan Bay Area to the Commission for review and approval, as appropriate.
 - Staff will continue to engage stakeholders with policies and programs to implement the Plan.
 - Staff will continue to track progress toward performance targets in Plan Bay Area and consider performance targets as required by the federal transportation program (MAP-21).

- **Climate Initiatives Program**
Staff will request Commission action on future cycles of the Climate Initiatives Program, including development of a future Cap and Trade program, if applicable. The Climate Initiatives Program is a multi-faceted program aimed at reducing transportation-related emissions and vehicle miles traveled (VMT).
- **Express Lane Network**
The Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority (BAIFA) will consider policies related to implementation of Phase I of the Express Lane Network, which will convert existing high-occupancy-vehicle (HOV) lanes to express lanes.
- **Bay Area Prosperity Plan**
The Bay Area Prosperity Plan is a multi-year planning effort funded with a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to recommend strategies to improve the region's economic prosperity by encouraging stronger, more sustainable communities, integrating housing and jobs planning, fostering local innovation in support of new jobs, and building a healthy regional economy for all.
- **Goods Movement/Freight**
MTC is currently working with Caltrans and county congestion management agencies to update information and key goods movement issues for the region to address in the coming years. Additionally, as identified in Plan Bay Area, MTC and ABAG will undertake sub-regional studies to analyze goods movement at a more local level, including truck flows on I-80, I-580 and I-880 corridors, and passenger and freight rail.
- **Transit Sustainability Project (TSP)**
Continue to assist in development and monitoring strategic plans for largest seven transit agencies to meet performance measure targets established in the TSP.
- **Legislative Program**
Per the Commission's adopted 2014 Advocacy Program, staff will advocate for regional transportation priorities at the state and federal level. Updates and status reports will be given to the Commission, as well as to the Policy Advisory Council.

In addition, to help you prepare for the discussion next week, I am including a copy of the 2012-2013 work plan for the Policy Advisory Council (see Attachment A).

Attachment A: 2012-2013 Policy Advisory Council Work Plan