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**Agenda Item 7**

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***Memorandum***

TO: Policy Advisory Council

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FR: Rebecca Long, Legislation and Public Affairs Section

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RE: Preliminary Discussion of 2015 Legislative Advocacy Program

In advance of drafting the 2015 Legislative Advocacy Program and presenting it to the Legislation Committee and the Policy Advisory Council as an official draft, MTC staff would like to hear your ideas of policy changes needed at the state or federal levels to help achieve MTC's key goals. The Council will break into small groups for discussion and brainstorming. Council members may also further the discussion on future revenue options that was begun at the Council's September meeting. You recall that Randy Rentschler, MTC Director of Legislation and Public Affairs, presented numerous options that have been used in other states and municipalities. The options that appeared to garner the most interest among Council members were the following:

- A Road User Charge (also referred to as a vehicle-miles-traveled fee) levied on a per-mile basis based on the total number of miles a person drives, with some concern expressed about the impact on low-income drivers
- Oil/Fuel Extraction Tax, with special attention focused on educating the public

Some initial ideas that may be incorporated into the draft 2015 Legislative Advocacy Program include:

- Establishing a temporary license plate program (a perennial favorite)
- Cap and Trade legislation cleanup
- Returning truck weight fee revenue (which generates approximately ~\$900 million per year) to the State Highway Account (rather than the General Fund)

Staff looks forward to a lively and productive discussion.