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TO: Policy Advisory Council

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FR: Pam Grove, Staff Liaison

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RE: Staff Liaison Report – November 2014

**MTC Annual Pavement Report Card Now Available**

MTC's annual pavement report shows the quality of the pavement on the Bay Area's nearly 43,000 lane-miles of local streets and roads is stuck in "fair" condition. The pavement report card – released each year by MTC – puts the region's 2013 pavement condition index (PCI) score at 66 out of a maximum possible 100 points, as calculated on a three-year moving average basis. This marks the fifth consecutive year the region has registered an average PCI score of 66, a reading that has not varied by more than two points since 2006.

The lowest-ranked pavement in the Bay Area was found in the Marin County city of Larkspur and the Napa County city of St. Helena, each of which recorded a PCI score of 40 for 2011-13, while the best overall pavement management strategy goes to the Town of Moraga, which boosted its one-year average PCI score to 58 in 2013, up from just 50 the year before. Each of the Bay Area's three largest cities — San Jose (62), San Francisco (65) and Oakland (60) — recorded three-year PCI scores within the "fair" range.

The complete 2013 Bay Area Pavement Conditions Summary — including percentages of local roadways in "excellent" or "very good" and "poor" or "failed" condition, and a listing of average PCI scores for the arterials, collector roadways and residential streets — in all Bay Area counties and cities is available online at MTC's web site. Those interested in a deeper look at the challenges facing the region's local street and road network are invited to view MTC's multimedia piece entitled "Street Fight: The Ongoing Battle for Better Bay Area Pavement." Both can be found online at: [http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/street\\_fight/](http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/street_fight/).

**Clipper Expands to Napa and Solano Counties**

Clipper, the all-in-one transit fare payment card already accepted on nine Bay Area transit systems, has expanded its network of participating transit operators to Napa and Solano counties with the addition of Fairfield-Suisun Transit (FAST), SolTrans, The VINE, Vacaville City Coach and San Francisco Bay Ferry's Vallejo-to-San Francisco route. The four bus agencies will accept cash value on a Clipper card as well as a range of 31-day passes good for local or express travel.

**Clipper Expands to Napa and Solano Counties (continued)**

The Vallejo/San Francisco ferry service will accept only cash value on Clipper; customers who pay with Clipper instead of cash will receive a significant discount.

FAST, SolTrans and The VINE all offer express routes to the El Cerrito del Norte BART station, and FAST and SolTrans also offer express routes to the Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek BART stations. Ferry riders will be able to use a single Clipper card to pay for the ferry as well as local bus service in Solano and Napa counties and San Francisco.

MTC will expand Clipper again next year to the Livermore-Amador Valley Transit Authority (WHEELS) in Alameda County; and County Connection, WestCAT and Tri-Delta Transit in Contra Costa County. The Clipper network will expand again by the spring of 2016 to include Santa Rosa City Bus, Sonoma County Transit, and Petaluma Transit in Sonoma County. Clipper also will be the fare payment method used by Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) when it begins operation in 2016.

To view the full press release go to [http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/press\\_releases/rel665.htm](http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/press_releases/rel665.htm).

For more information about Clipper, go to [www.clippercard.com](http://www.clippercard.com) or call Clipper Customer Service at 877-878-8883.

**Final Disadvantaged Communities Designation**

As you may have already heard, last Friday, the CalEPA announced their identification of disadvantaged communities (DACs) for the purpose of Cap & Trade funds (SB 535, 2012) and SB 862 (2014). The good news is they use a threshold of top 25% instead of 20%. This increases the number of DAC census tracts in the Bay Area’s from 46 to 85 and the population covered by DAC tracts from about 214,000 to about 388,000. The bad news is that many Bay Area census tracts that are considered Communities of Concern by MTC and widely understood to be disadvantaged from an economic standpoint are still not included. Nevertheless, we are grateful for the change, which is a substantial improvement over the original proposal.

Here is a summary of the changes by county:

	Census Tracts			Population		
	Census tracts (20%)	Census Tracts (25%)	Change	Population (20%)	Population (25%)	Change
<b>County</b>						
Alameda	14	32	18	50,952	124,352	73,400
Contra Costa	12	23	10	61,450	121,204	59,754
San Francisco	1	3	2	3,499	11,045	7,546
San Mateo	1	2	1	7,327	14,837	7,510
Santa Clara	17	23	6	81,995	105,604	23,609
Solano	1	2	1	8,423	11,385	2,962
Total	46	85	39	213,646	388,427	174,781

The CalEPA web site on the topic is here: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EnvJustice/GHGInvest/>.

A document outlining their final decision is [here](#).  
[www.calepa.ca.gov/envjustice/ghginvest/documents/sb535descom.pdf](http://www.calepa.ca.gov/envjustice/ghginvest/documents/sb535descom.pdf)

A very illuminating interactive map for the whole state can be found [here](#).  
<http://oehha.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Viewer/index.html?appid=dae2fb1e42674c12a04a2b302a080598>

MTC staff has put together our own GIS-based web map showing CalEPA's final designation of Disadvantaged Communities which shows how they compare to MTC-designated Communities of Concern. To see the different layers, such as PDAs and COCs, click on "content" on the left bar and select those you would like to see.  
<http://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=4ed580d07d424db3956eda797231dec3&extent=-123.4783,36.7522,-119.4545,38.6899>

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