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Memorandum

TO: Policy Advisory Council

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FR: Pam Grove, Staff Liaison

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RE: Staff Liaison Report – December 2014

BART to Oakland Airport Opens

Friday, November 21st marked the opening of the BART to Oakland Airport connector project. Free rides were available to the public from 1 to 3 pm that day, and the opening celebration festivities also included speeches from local dignitaries, music, dancing, food, and prizes. As of Saturday, November 22, travelers can board one of four three-car automated people movers at either the Coliseum Station or the Oakland International Airport Station and take the eight-minute ride at 30 mph. Trains arrive every 5 minutes during peak commute hours (weekdays 8 am - 8 pm) and drop off and pick up riders just steps away from both terminals at the Oakland Airport. BART riders have a quick and easy train to train transfer at the Coliseum station and can use a BART ticket or a Clipper card.

For photos and video coverage of the opening ceremony, go to:

<http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/video/bart-to-oak.htm>

Next Generation of Clipper

Clipper is heading into its next phase of planning and is seeking your help spreading the word about its online survey. The contract to operate the current system ends in November 2019. As the current architecture reaches the end of its lifespan and new payment options emerge, Clipper is looking to provide a more convenient, flexible and efficient regional fare payment system.

Clipper is currently soliciting public feedback regarding what they like about Clipper and what they'd like to see in the next generation of Clipper. This first round of public input involves a survey. Please take the survey and forward it to folks you know who would also be interested in taking it. The online survey – available in Spanish, Vietnamese and Chinese, as well as English – can be found at: www.futureofclipper.com.

Not up for the whole survey? You can also share your experiences with Clipper and what you'd like to see in the future via email at feedback@futureofclipper.com or via voicemail at 510.817.5680.

Executive Director's Report

The following items were in the November 2014 Executive Director's Report to the Commission:

- ***Election Results, November 4***

The mid-term elections brought a switch in party control of the United States Senate, significant new transportation funding in two Bay Area counties, and a promotion for two members of the Commission itself. Although the Republicans are expected to have a 54-seat majority in 2015, it takes 60 votes to do legislative business in the U.S. Senate. As a result, the odds for a long-term federal transportation reauthorization with dedicated funding probably still range between slim and none. The passage of Measure BB in Alameda County and Propositions A and B in San Francisco will generate over \$9 billion in funding – primarily for non-auto modes – in those two central Bay counties over the next few decades. And finally, congratulations are in order for Commissioner Dodd upon his election to the State Assembly and Commissioner Liccardo upon his election as the next mayor of San Jose.

Executive Director's Report (continued)

- ***Comings and Goings***

I wanted to highlight one executive departure and another arrival for your information. Andre Boutros has announced his retirement as executive director of the California Transportation Commission effective at the end of the calendar year. In January 2015, long-time Maryland Department of Transportation executive Neil Pedersen will become the next CEO of the Transportation Research Board in Washington, DC.

*To read the November 2014 Executive Director's report to the Commission in its entirety, go to http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/ed_report.htm.