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Memorandum

TO: Partnership Board

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FR: Doug Kimsey

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RE: Routine Accommodation of Pedestrians and Bicyclists Study

During the summer and fall of 2005, MTC planning staff prepared a study to evaluate how pedestrian and bicycle facilities are being accommodated in a variety of transportation projects. This study is an outgrowth of the *Transportation 2030* "Call to Action" that states non-motorized facilities "must be considered, where appropriate, in conjunction with all new construction and reconstruction of transportation facilities." The report includes a summary of applicable policies, findings from surveys with local project sponsors, and recommendations on how to incorporate the "routine accommodation" Call to Action into MTC's ongoing planning and programming activities.

Study oversight was provided by MTC's Regional Pedestrian Committee (RPC) and Regional Bicycle Working Group (RBWG); these groups include staff at the CMAs, 20 cities, 6 transit agencies and Caltrans, as well as bicyclist/pedestrian advocacy representatives. The study has also been presented to the CMA Directors (February) and to the Partnership Technical Advisory Committee (February) for their comments. In addition, the report will be presented at the April 2006 Partnership's Local Streets and Roads Committee and the April 2006 MTC Planning Committee meeting as an information item.

A working group comprised of representatives from the CMAs, Local Streets and Roads Committee, and advocacy groups met on March 17 to discuss the study and remaining outstanding issues. The group spent the majority of their time discussing the draft recommendations and potential revisions. A summary of the meeting and revised recommendations will be provided at the Partnership meeting.

The executive summary of the draft study is attached for your information. The full report is available as part of the Partnership Board agenda packet at <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/meetings/schedule/>, and click on Partnership Board. Staff will review the study's findings, recommendations, a summary of the March 17 working group meeting, and proposed next steps at your March 24, 2006 meeting.