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## *Memorandum*

TO: Administration Committee

DATE: June 6, 2007

FR: Executive Director

W.I.: 1152

RE: MTC/ABAG Interagency Agreement for FY 2007-08

To continue the joint land use and transportation planning program between MTC and ABAG, MTC annually passes through to ABAG a portion of MTC's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) planning grants and local Transportation Development Act (TDA) planning funds. Funding passed through to ABAG is based on the formula contained in the Funding Agreement between MTC and ABAG that was developed a number of years ago, and is recommended to be retained for the coming fiscal year.

The FHWA and FTA planning fund levels show a decrease over prior years, for two reasons. Adjustments were made last year to account for the transition to SAFETEA approved funding levels-- the revenue bump realized this year is less than the one in FY 2006-07. As well, a lower percentage of obligation authority—the amount the federal government can actually pay out in any given year, compared to what is authorized—is available for the coming year. However, carry-over adjustments from FY 2005-06 in both these fund sources prorated to ABAG helps temper these effects.

MTC's FY 2007-08 funding contribution to ABAG, by funding source, is shown below. The total proposed funding level of \$2.3 million compares to \$2.6 million in the current fiscal year or a 12% reduction.

\$ 242,811	<u>FTA</u> : Fifteen percent of the portion that MTC reserves for regional planning activities; the amount here includes \$43,519 as ABAG's percentage share of FY 2005-06 carryover funds, \$10,365 as its share of FY 2006-07 carryover funds.
\$1,163,422	<u>FHWA</u> : Fifteen percent of the total FHWA funds available for regional planning activities; the amount here includes \$180,690 as ABAG's percentage share of FY 2005-06 carryover funds.
\$ 908,571	<u>TDA</u> : Ten percent of TDA three percent planning funds.
\$2,314,804	Total

In addition to these funds, MTC contributes to 50% of the cost for the Regional Planning Program Director position (currently held by Ted Droettboom), who staffs the Joint Policy Committee and its work plan, reporting to the executive directors of both MTC and ABAG. MTC's share is \$75,000, separate from this agreement and included in the agency's FY 2007-08 budget. We expect that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will join MTC and ABAG in supporting this position in the future.

**Agreement Work Scope**

The scope of work maintains its focus on joint transportation/land use planning activities, as they are refined through the policy direction of the Joint Policy Committee. Key efforts for next year include continued joint work with ABAG on implementation of the Regional Blueprint Planning Program ("Focusing our Vision" effort) emerging from the Smart Growth Project; and Transportation 2030 Plan's related implementation efforts including the Resolution 3434 Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Policy, regional goods movements issues and regional Emergency Operations planning. Products and delivery dates have been identified to track progress and achievement of various tasks. ABAG has reviewed and concurred with the workscope.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the referral of the FY 2007-08 ABAG/MTC Interagency Agreement to the Commission for approval.

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Steve Heminger

SH: TMcM

## REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

### Summary of Proposed Interagency Agreement

Work Item No.: 1152

Consultant: Association of Bay Area Governments  
[Oakland, CA](#)

Work Project Title: FY 2007-08 joint land use and transportation planning program between MTC and ABAG

Purpose of Project: To provide a regional land use and transportation planning program

Brief Scope of Work: MTC passes federal and regional funds to ABAG to assist with the responsibility for certain comprehensive planning and technical activities and products that support the planning functions of both agencies.

Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$2,314,804

Funding Source: Formula share of MTC general planning funds: 10% TDA; 15% FTA and 15% FHWA

Fiscal Impact: Funds are included in the proposed MTC Agency Budget for FY 2007-08

Motion by Committee: That the Executive Director or his designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a funding agreement with the Association of Bay Area Governments to perform comprehensive planning and technical activities in FY 2007-08, and the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside funds from the FY 2007-08 Agency Budget for this purpose in the amount of \$2,314,804.

Administration Committee: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bob Blanchard, Chair

Approved: Date: June 13, 2007