



TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

To | Regional Bicycle Working Group
From | Victoria Eisen
Date | October 10, 2007
Project | Regional Bicycle Plan update
Subject | **DRAFT Regional Bicycle Plan chapters**

Background

The original Regional Bicycle Plan was adopted by MTC in 2001. Our firm is currently coordinating a limited update of this document. I have attended previous Regional Bicycle Working Group meetings to hear your ideas about the tasks this update should include.

In order for the Plan to be adopted by MTC in spring 2008, in time to be considered in the Regional Transportation Plan update, the final draft Plan must be reviewed at the December 2007 RBWG meeting. Towards that end, attached to this memo is a first draft of the Plan chapters. (Note: the RBWG has reviewed and commented on the Goals and policies chapter at two previous meetings.)

To obtain your comments as early in the process as possible, they are being solicited before the chapters have been formatted, before maps and graphics have been developed, and before MTC staff have reviewed the document (which is why I hesitate calling it a Draft "Plan!"). Chapters that are not complete are indicated as a "place-holder," "outline" or "in-progress" in the Table of Contents. The next draft you will see will incorporate your comments and will have complete chapters, will be formatted, and will include maps and graphics.

Comments

Your comments are essential for ensuring that the Regional Bicycle Plan update is as comprehensive, thorough and accurate as possible, given the Plan budget and work scope. Please send all comments to Sean (sco@mtc.ca.gov) and me (victoria@eisenletunic.com) by next **Friday, October 26, 2007**. The more specific your suggestions, the more likely they can be addressed in the final Plan. Feel free to call me if you would like to discuss your thoughts (510.525.0220).

In addition, we have asked the congestion management and transit agency representatives who provided information contained in these chapters to review them as well. A press release has also been issued that directs interested parties to MTC's website for a copy of the attached chapters and requests their comments.

October 18, 2007 meeting

At the October 18 RBWG meeting, we will walk through the attached draft Plan chapters. Rather than attempting to wordsmith the document, committee discussion will focus on "big picture" issues, such as information that is missing, sections that are unclear and other ideas to improve the document. (Your specific edits are welcome before or after the meeting, as long as they are received by October 26, 2007.)

Next steps

Between the October and December RBWG meetings, the following changes will be made to the attached draft chapters:

1. Incorporate comments heard at October 18, 2007 meeting.
2. Incorporate written comments received by October 26, 2007 from MTC staff, RBWG members, CMAs, transit agencies and others.
3. Complete Executive Summary; Introduction; MTC bicycle-related programs and policies section, and New Issues and Technologies sections; Recommendations chapter; and the appendices.
4. Add maps of the Regional Bicycle Network at the county and regional levels. (These are currently being developed by MTC GIS staff.)
5. Add graphics to illustrate key points in Plan.
6. Develop resource material for posting on MTC website.

At your December meeting, you will have the opportunity to review and comment on the complete Draft Regional Bicycle Plan update.