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## ***Memorandum***

TO: Partnership Technical Advisory Committee

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RE: Freeway Performance Initiative Status Report

### **Freeway Performance Initiative Overview**

The Freeway Performance Initiative (FPI) is a relatively new MTC effort to improve the operations, safety, and management of the Bay Area's freeway system. The purpose of the FPI is to develop a comprehensive strategic plan to guide the next generation of freeway investment. The goals and objectives are to:

- Improve system efficiency through the deployment of system operations and management strategies;
- Maximize use of available freeway capacity by completing the High Occupancy Vehicle lane system;
- Actively address regional freight movement issues; and
- Close key gaps in the freeway system's physical infrastructure.

The primary product of the FPI will be a prioritized list of strategies and projects that will help guide near-term investments and become the initial proposals that will help frame the Transportation 2035 plan. To develop this list, studies of the major corridors in the Bay Area are currently being conducted. These studies focus on freeway operations, incorporating parallel arterials and transit, and include documentation of existing problems, development of viable short-term and long-term solutions, preparation of rough cost estimates, and an assessment of impacts and benefits of the proposed solutions. The effect of a small number of regional multi-corridor strategies is also being assessed.

Although the FPI is being led by MTC, the effort is a collaboration with the Bay Area Partnership, including Caltrans District 4 and the Bay Area Congestion Management Agencies. Four consultant teams have been providing technical support for this effort.

### **FPI coordination with RTP**

Detailed FPI performance assessment is scheduled to be completed in the next few weeks. FPI mitigation strategies and projects may range from system management strategies to traditional capital improvement projects. These strategies and projects will help to inform project selection for the RTP project submittal in early 2008.