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Memorandum

TO: Legislation Committee

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FR: Executive Director

RE: Proposition 1B Bond Funds, State/Local Partnership – Legislative History Update

Included in the \$20 billion Proposition 1B bond measure is a \$1 billion portion known as the State/local Partnership Program. This program was included in the bond measure to reward local jurisdictions for their financial contributions to California's transportation system and was inspired by a program of similar name that existed ten years ago that was ended by SB 45 — the 1997 legislation that restructured the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and other state funding outlays.

We have been anticipating the needed implementation legislation on the State/local Partnership Program since the November 2006 vote. In addition, \$200 million was requested by the Governor in his FY 2008-09 budget to fund appropriations for this program.

MTC's legislative program has focused on a strategy to maximize the region's share of State/Local Partnership monies and to seek that these funds be allocated by simple formula that recognizes the multimodal nature of transportation investments allowed by Prop. 1B and to provide eligible recipients with a predictable level of funding over the program's five-year time frame. We have also sought to include a broad range of local funding sources within the formula, including county sales taxes, transit sales taxes, and voter-approved bridge tolls such as Regional Measures 1 and 2.

SB 748 (Corbett) contains this proposal and we have been working to secure a Bay Area consensus such that we can unite Bay Area legislators so they can engage their southern and central California colleagues on a unified front.

In recent weeks the pace of these talks has increased. This memo and the attached matrix of calculations, to be described during the meeting, are presented as we seek your policy guidance on this matter.

Steve Heminger

Attachment

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