



Transportation Committee

February 25, 2010

New Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update

Issue: Staff has begun preparatory work for the next Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update.

Recommendation: None. This item is for information only.

Discussion: At the August 6, 2009, meeting of this committee, a schedule for preparation of the next update of the MTP was presented for information and discussion. In line with that schedule, staff has started on the early phases of work related to the MTP update. These include:

Land Use Allocation: Staff is making preparations to update the 2035 land use allocation, which underpins the travel and air quality modeling that informs the development of the MTP. Part of the work to date includes a staff site visit with each jurisdiction's planning department to get an updated assessment of local planning processes, development projects, regulatory constraints and market conditions. SACOG staff also oriented each planning department to the major milestones of the MTP update to prepare them for their role in the MTP process.

Regional Growth Projections: Stephen Levy from the Center for the Continuing Study of the California Economy presented his preliminary regional growth projections to the full Board of Directors on February 18, 2010. These regional growth projections will form the basis of the next MTP. Staff is currently assessing how the preliminary projections may affect the adopted MTP growth allocation and financial plan.

Financial Plan: Staff is beginning work on the new MTP financial plan by updating revenue forecasts to reflect slower regional growth rates and associated declines in the local and state revenues. Information from the regional growth projections work will be an important input to this work.

Analysis of MTP and SB 375 Planning Scenarios: Lastly, staff has been working to evaluate the potential GHG reduction and transportation benefits of various policy packages as part of SB 375 implementation. This committee will receive an update on this topic in a separate item.

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