TO: MTC Planning Committee, ABAG Administrative Committee DATE: March 1, 2013

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Executive Director, ABAG

RE: Plan Bay Area Public Meetings

Thanks for your patience as our staffs worked together to schedule the many meetings that come with release of the Draft Plan and companion Environmental Impact Report. This memo reviews past direction we have received from you and lists key milestones and dates.

Dates	Milestone
March 22	Release of Draft Plan Bay Area (begin 55-day comment period)
March 29	Release of Draft Plan Bay Area Environmental Impact Report (begin 45-day comment period)
April-May	Various comment opportunities, presentations, public hearings, etc.
May 16	Close of Comment Period (Draft Plan, DEIR)
Late May	Present summary of comments to ABAG and Commission
June 20	Joint ABAG-MTC Adoption of Final EIR, Final Plan Bay Area, and conformity analysis

In December, the joint MTC Planning and ABAG Administrative committees approved the following approach to public engagement for release of the Draft Plan. Our goal is to provide the public with numerous opportunities and methods to comment.

1. **Combination Open House/Public Hearings**: SB 375 requires at least three public hearings in the Bay Area, as well as an additional round of workshops in counties with populations of over 500,000. MTC and ABAG will host one hearing per county in combination with an Open House. The Open House will start at approximately 6 p.m. and run to approximately 7:30 p.m. Members of the public can come and view displays, ask questions of staff and then move right into a public hearing that will start at approximately 7 p.m. MTC Commissioners and ABAG Executive Board members will preside over the formal public hearing portion of the meetings for the purpose of taking comments from the public. A court reporter will transcribe comments. For those who cannot stay for the public meeting or who prefer not to speak in front of a large group, we will have a "comment station" where people can submit their comments directly for inclusion into the public record. A list of tentative dates for these open house/public hearings is included in Table 1 on the following page.

2. **EIR Public Hearings**: We will conduct three public hearings on the EIR, one each in Oakland, San Jose and San Rafael. The Oakland meeting will be in the evening. These will be formal public hearings to comply with CEQA, with a brief staff presentation and the balance of the meeting dedicated to hearing from the public. A list of tentative dates for these public hearings is included in Table 2 on the following page.

Table 1: Plan Bay Area Open House/Public Workshops

(Note: In general, Open Houses will run from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Public Hearings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.)

Date	Location
Monday, April 8	Napa County: Elks Lodge, Napa
Monday, April 8	Sonoma County: Friedman Center, Santa Rosa
Thursday, April 11	San Francisco: Hotel Whitcomb, Civic Center
Monday, April 22	Solano County: Fairgrounds, Vallejo
Monday, April 22	Contra Costa County: Marriott, Walnut Creek
Monday, April 29	Marin County: Marin Center, San Rafael
Monday, April 29	San Mateo County: Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, Foster City
Wednesday, May 1	Alameda County: Mirage Ballroom, Fremont
Wednesday, May 1	Santa Clara County: Downtown Hilton, San Jose

Table 2: Plan Bay Area Draft Environmental Impact Report Public Hearings

Date	Location
Tuesday, April 16, 10 a.m.	San Rafael, Embassy Suites
Tuesday, April 16, 7 p.m.	Oakland (Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter)
Wednesday, April 17, 1 p.m.	San Jose (Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, San Jose State)

We will be publicizing the meetings via email newsletters and a mailing, and welcome your assistance in helping us get the word out to your respective constituents.

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