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To: ABAG Regional Planning Committee

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Subject: **Update on ABAG/MTC Merger Study**

Since the beginning of 2016 there have been three special meetings of the Joint MTC Planning Committee/ABAG Administrative Committee to address the ABAG/MTC merger issues. At the first meeting on January 22nd, the consultant team selected for the Merger Study, Management Partners, was introduced. They presented a draft work plan and schedule for the study and solicited comments from committee members. The joint committee also decided to calendar an extra meeting, the fourth Thursday of every month, to work with the consultant team to stay on schedule with the merger study.

The next meeting of the Joint MTC Planning Committee/ABAG Administrative Committee was on February 26th. Management Partners reported back on their research on how other regional transportation and planning organizations were structured, including three in CA (SCAG, SANDAG, SACOG) three others serving Chicago, Washington, D.C. and Puget Sound. There was also discussion about ongoing stakeholder engagement. The packet for that meeting can be found at: <http://abag.ca.gov/meetings/administrative.html>

On March 25th, Management Partners presented the next set of deliverables to the Joint MTC Planning Committee/ABAG Administrative Committee. They included:

1. An update on the Merger Study
2. An overview of MTC and ABAG planning program areas
3. A Five-Year Financial Forecast for MTC and ABAG, with and without the impact
4. of MTC Resolution 4210
5. An overview of preliminary stakeholder engagement themes
6. Results of the elected officials electronic survey
7. A review and discussion of the proposed merger study principles, problem
8. definition, range of options and evaluation criteria
9. Merger Study PowerPoint Presentation

Management Partners will be providing an evaluation of all the proposed options along with its recommendations at the April 22nd Joint Committee meeting.