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Memorandum

TO: Policy Advisory Council

FR: Pam Grove, Staff Liaison

RE: Staff Liaison Report – October 2015

DATE: October 7, 2015

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November and December Council Meeting Dates

As another reminder, the Council's November and December meeting dates have been changed due to holidays. If you have not already marked your calendars, please do so for the following dates:

Wednesday, November 4, 1:30 pm Tuesday, December 8, 1:30 pm

If subcommittee meetings occur in those months, they will meet on the same day, and the Regional Equity Working Group will also meet on the same day as the Council.

Staff will continue to remind the Council in upcoming weeks as the dates get closer.

New Policy Advisory Council Vacancy

A new vacancy was created last month by the resignation of JoAnn Busenbark, senior representative from Napa County. Ms. Busenbark has been appointed to the City of Napa's Senior Advisory Committee and will be doing more senior advocacy work closer to home. As a result, MTC staff will be opening recruitment for her seat on the Council later this year. If you know of someone who lives in Napa County who would be a good fit with the subject of regional transportation, please encourage them to submit an application, or contact staff liaison, Pam Grove.

Executive Director's Report

The following items were in the September 2015 Executive Director's Report to the Commission:

• Fix the Roads Roundtable – August 19, Walnut Creek

Commissioner Pierce and I were members of a panel of regional and local officials who testified before the special session version of the Assembly Transportation Committee about the importance of repairing our state highways and local roads in California.

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• Megaregion Partnership – September 17, Stockton

Vice Chair Mackenzie and Commissioners Baker, Haggerty and Spering joined MTC senior staff in a "megaregional" meeting with our board and staff counterparts from the Sacramento Area Council of Governments. This is the third such session we've had to discuss transportation and housing issues common to – and overlapping – our three regions. The elected officials present agreed to seek approval from their respective governing bodies to establish this group in a more formal way through adoption of a memorandum of understanding (MOU). The draft MOU will be presented to the MTC Planning Committee in November for consideration.

To read the September 2015 Executive Director's report to the Commission in its entirety, go to http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/ed_report.htm.

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