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Agenda Item 8

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## *Memorandum*

TO: Policy Advisory Council  
FR: Pam Grove, Staff Liaison  
RE: Staff Liaison Report – July 2016

DATE: June 29, 2016  
W.I. 1114

### **No Meetings in August**

As a reminder, MTC does not usually hold meetings in August; therefore, the next meeting of the Policy Advisory Council is scheduled for September 2016. Additionally, the Policy Advisory Council subcommittees and working groups will not meet in August either. As always, MTC meetings are posted to the website and can be found at the online meeting schedule at <http://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/meetings> approximately one week prior to the meeting.

Enjoy your summer month off!

### **Reminder: September Meeting Date Change**

As a reminder, the September Policy Advisory Council meeting date will be changed from its normally scheduled second Wednesday date to the first Wednesday. Please mark your calendar now for the September meeting date as follows:

**Wednesday, September 7, 1:30 pm**

### **Second Express Lanes Public Hearing**

Last month's staff report included an item on the Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority (BAIFA) proposal to adopt a Toll Facility Ordinance for high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes in Alameda, Contra Costa, and Solano Counties, to be operated by BAIFA as Express Lanes (BAIFA toll facilities). The purpose of the ordinance is to establish tolls and a toll collection process for the BAIFA toll facilities, to establish civil penalties for the evasion of those tolls or noncompliance with other policies set forth in the ordinance, and to establish a program that addresses how motorists can enroll and participate in BAIFA's toll facility program.

Express lanes are HOV lanes that also allow any driver to choose to pay a toll to use the lanes during carpool hours of operation. BAIFA's express lanes on I-680 between Walnut Creek and San Ramon are currently under construction and are expected to begin operations in 2017. Additional express lanes will be constructed and operated by BAIFA in Alameda County, Contra Costa County, and Solano County in the future.

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## **Second Express Lanes Public Hearing (*continued*)**

BAIFA will hold its second public hearing to receive oral testimony and written comments about the proposed ordinance during its regular meeting at the Bay Area MetroCenter on:

**Wednesday, July 27, at 9:30 a.m.**

On June 15, 2016, the proposed ordinance was posted on MTC's website ([www.mtc.ca.gov](http://www.mtc.ca.gov)), and copies were made available at MTC's offices at the Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, 7th Floor Receptionist, San Francisco, California, 94105. Copies will also be available at the hearing.

**Written comments will be accepted until July 20, 2016.** Written comments should be submitted to: MTC Public Information Office, 375 Beale Street, Suite 800, San Francisco, CA 94105; or faxed to MTC at 415.536.9800; or sent via email to <[info@mtc.ca.gov](mailto:info@mtc.ca.gov)>. Oral testimony will be received until the close of the public hearing on July 27, 2016. After receipt and review of public comments and testimony, BAIFA will consider the adoption of the ordinance at its July 27, 2016 meeting. The ordinance will be effective 30 days after its adoption. For more information, call the MTC Public Information Office at 415.778.6757.

For more about express lanes, the public hearing, or to read a copy of the toll ordinance, go to: <http://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/participate-two-public-hearings-express-lane-toll-collection-process>

## **Draft 2017 TIP Released for Public Review**

MTC released a list of about 700 Bay Area transportation projects – a total of approximately \$6.6 billion in committed federal, state and local funding for the four-year period through 2020 – as part of the Transportation Improvement Program (or TIP). The list, also known as the “Draft 2017 TIP,” is now available for public review online, in person at MTC (375 Beale Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Francisco), and can be sent to major public libraries by request.

The TIP is the region's comprehensive four-year spending plan that lists all transportation projects and programs for which any action by a federal agency is expected, including major regional projects with no federal funding. The TIP is financially constrained by year, meaning that the amount of dollars committed to the projects must not exceed the amount of dollars estimated to be available. MTC must adopt a new TIP at least once every four years, and the TIP must also be approved by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration.

In conjunction with the release of the Draft 2017 TIP, MTC also released the Draft Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis, which ensures that both the Draft 2017 TIP and Plan Bay Area, the region's transportation and housing blueprint, conform to the federal air quality plan, known as the State Implementation Plan. Conformity means that the transportation activities will not cause new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the relevant national ambient air quality standards.

MTC encourages public comment on the TIP and the Draft Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis. The review and comment period started Friday, June 24, 2016, and will close on Thursday, July 28, 2016 at 5 p.m. A public hearing to receive testimony on the Draft 2017 TIP and Draft Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis is scheduled to take place during MTC's

### **Draft 2017 TIP Released for Public Review (*continued*)**

Programming and Allocations Committee meeting on Wednesday, July 13, 2016, at 9:40 a.m., or immediately following MTC's Administration Committee meeting, whichever occurs later, at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, California.

Written comments may be addressed to: MTC Public Information Office, 375 Beale Street, Suite 800, San Francisco, CA 94105; faxed to MTC at 415.536.9800; or sent via email to [info@mtc.ca.gov](mailto:info@mtc.ca.gov). Written comments are due by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 28, 2016. For more information, call MTC's Public Information Office at 415.778.6757. At its September 14, 2016 meeting, MTC's Programming and Allocations Committee is scheduled to consider public comments received. Approval of final documents is expected on September 28, 2016, at the MTC Commission meeting.

To view the Draft TIP online, go to:

<http://mtc.ca.gov/our-work/fund-invest/transportation-improvement-program-tip/draft-2017-tip>

### **Bay Area Bike Share Seeks Community Input for Second Phase of Expansion**

Bay Area Bike Share – the region's membership-based, short-term bicycle rental system – is holding a series of neighborhood workshops to select future station locations that fit the needs of local residents and businesses. Site selection continues for an expanded program that will serve San Francisco and San Jose, and will bring bike share to Oakland, Berkeley and Emeryville for the first time.

The expanded program will grow bike share from a 700-bike pilot to a 7,000-bike robust transportation option for Bay Area residents – at no cost to taxpayers. After the expansion is complete (expected within two years), San Francisco will have 4,500 bikes; and Oakland, Berkeley, San Jose, and Emeryville will have a combined 2,500 bikes.

The public is invited to attend neighborhood workshops where they live, work or visit, and provide input on potential local stations in their community. People who cannot attend a workshop are encouraged to submit station ideas via the online suggest-a-station portal at [suggest.bayareabikeshare.com](http://suggest.bayareabikeshare.com).

For more information and a list of Phase 2 workshops, go to:

<http://www.bayareabikeshare.com/expansion>

### **Executive Director's Report**

The following items are excerpts from the June 2016 Executive Director's Report to the Commission. Read the report in its entirety at:

<http://www.mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/executive-directors-report>.

- ***Federal Planning Certification – May 31, Sacramento***  
The Federal Highway and Transit Administrations have completed their review of MTC's planning process and have certified that we meet all applicable requirements of federal law. This certification is valid until our next review in 2020.

**Executive Director's Report (*continued*)**

- ***New Bay Trail Maps***

The San Francisco Bay Trail Project released an updated set of maps that highlight over 350 miles of trail now open to the public, including an additional 15 miles of trails completed since the 2013 edition. The new maps are provided to the Commission in recognition of MTC's long-term financial support for this valuable regional resource. More information is available at the project website, [baytrail.org](http://baytrail.org).