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Memorandum

TO: Policy Advisory Council

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RE: Staff Liaison Report – November 2016

New Westbound I-80 Bay Bridge Ramps Smooth Access to and From Yerba Buena Island and Treasure Island

The San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) opened the new westbound Interstate 80 on- and off-ramps connecting Yerba Buena Island (YBI) and Treasure Island to the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge to traffic on October 22, 2016. To read the full story, go to MTC's website at: <http://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/new-westbound-i-80-bay-bridge-ramps-smooth-access-and-yerba-buena-island-and>

2016 MTC Awards: Meet the Winners

Since 1977, MTC has honored people and programs helping to move the Bay Area forward. And while our transportation network and travel patterns may have changed, the abundance of creativity and commitment to improving regional mobility continues. Meet the winners recognized at the October 26 awards ceremony by going to the MTC website here: <http://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/special-features/2016-mtc-awards-meet-winners>

San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge Bike Path Opens to Yerba Buena Island

The last segment connecting the new east span bike path to YBI opened for business on Saturday, October 22. It was preceded by the new city-owned vehicle on- and off-ramps at YBI opening to traffic. Bicyclists and pedestrians should be forewarned that the landing for the path on YBI is in the middle of an active construction site as both Caltrans and the City and County of San Francisco undertake work over the next several years to upgrade the road network in the area.

Multi-Agency Study Examines Transit Needs in San Francisco's Employment Core

A new report by MTC and six Bay Area public transit agencies finds that transit serving the region's primary employment center experienced growth exceeding the most aggressive forecasts over the last 10 years, and that ridership is expected to continue growing in the future. The region's transportation infrastructure is already past physical capacity during peak travel periods and will be unable to accommodate anticipated future riders without significant new transportation investments. The report is part of the Core Capacity Transit Study, a collaborative, multi-agency effort to identify and prioritize investments that will improve public transportation to and from the San Francisco core. Read more here: <http://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/multi-agency-study-examines-transit-needs-san-franciscos-employment-core>

Executive Director's Report

The following items are excerpts from the October 26, 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>.

- **Cap and Trade Housing Grants, Sacramento, September 30**

In the latest round of Cap and Trade housing grants, the Strategic Growth Council has awarded \$97 million in funds to seven Bay Area projects, which represents 34% of the statewide total for FY 2015-16. The Los Angeles region represented by the Southern California Association of Governments received 26% of total funds in this round.

- **Caltrans Awards, Sacramento, October 19**

MTC and BATA were recently honored by Caltrans with three Excellence in Transportation Awards. The first award – presented at the CTC's October meeting – recognized BATA for its role in the Pier E3 Implosion, which is part of the ongoing process to demolish the old east span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. The award in the Rural Highway Project category was presented to MTC – along with its partners Caltrans District 4, the Solano Transportation Authority and the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency – for the Jameson Canyon Road Widening Project. Lastly, Caltrans recognized the Bay Area's Spare the Air Youth Program with an award in the Public Awareness Campaign category. This is the third award the Spare the Air Youth Program has received this year. Read more about the winning projects here: <http://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/environmental-program-youths-wins-statewide-award>

- **New Housing Reports, San Francisco and Washington, D.C.**

Two interesting new reports relevant to the Bay Area's ongoing affordable housing crisis were released in the past month. The first emanated from an unusual place for such a local issue: The White House. The report from the Obama Administration recommended several strategies to get more housing built in high-cost urban areas. The second report was issued last week by the Bay Area Council Economic Institute, which quantified both the positive and (unintended) negative effects of various policies on the construction and preservation of affordable housing. Links to the two reports can be found below.

- [White House report](#) (link is external)
- [Bay Area Council report](#)(link is external)