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Agenda Item 6

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Memorandum

TO: Policy Advisory Council
FR: Pam Grove, Staff Liaison
RE: Staff Liaison Report – May 2017

DATE: May 3, 2017
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Reminder: Remaining Spring Plan Bay Area Outreach Meeting Dates

There are still several remaining Plan Bay Area outreach meetings and public hearings in the month of May. If you have not yet attended the open house scheduled in your county, please see the list below as a reminder of the dates. And please help us spread the word by sharing the information regarding these remaining dates with your contacts.

County Public Open Houses

Contra Costa County
Wednesday, May 10
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Embassy Suites Hotel
Contra Costa Ballroom
1345 Treat Boulevard
Walnut Creek

San Francisco
Wednesday, May 17
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Bay Area Metro Center
Yerba Buena Conference Room
375 Beale Street
San Francisco

Marin County
Saturday, May 20
Public Workshop and Open House
8:30 a.m. Open House
9 a.m. Presentation
Mill Valley Community Center
180 Camino Alto
Mill Valley

Santa Clara County
Monday, May 22
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Marriott Hotel
San Jose Ballroom IV-VI
301 South Market Street
San Jose

Napa County
Monday, May 15
6 – 8 p.m.
Elks Lodge
2840 Soscol Avenue
Napa

Solano County
Monday, May 15
6 – 8 p.m.
Solano County Events Center
601 Texas Street
Fairfield

Sonoma County
Monday, May 22
6 – 8 p.m.
Finley Community Center
2060 W. College Avenue
Santa Rosa

Public Hearings on the Draft Plan and the Draft EIR

San Francisco
Friday, May 12
9:40 a.m. (*or immediately following the
Legislation Committee meeting, whichever
occurs later*)
Bay Area Metro Center
Board Room
375 Beale Street
San Francisco

San Jose
Tuesday, May 16
6 – 8 p.m.
Martin Luther King Jr. Library
150 E. San Fernando Street, Room 225
San Jose

Vallejo
Thursday, May 18
6 – 8 p.m.
Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum
734 Marin Street
Hall of History
Vallejo

For more information and to review Draft Plan Bay Area 2040 or the Draft EIR, go to
planbayarea.org.

MTC Opens Recruitment for Next Policy Advisory Council Term

On May 1st, MTC began recruitment for the next term of the Policy Advisory Council. As current advisors, you received an email in advance of the recruitment opening encouraging you to reapply. If you have not yet had a chance to do so, there is still quite a bit of time to submit your application and supporting documents.

MTC Commissioners are currently scheduled to consider and recommend selections in July and early July, and the full Commission is currently scheduled to consider the appointments at its July 2017 meeting. (Note that this schedule could be deferred if the applicant pool is considerably large.) The next four-term is currently scheduled to begin in September and continue through July 2021.

Applications can be submitted online, or a pdf can be downloaded from the website at:
<http://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/mtc-recruits-new-policy-advisory-council-term>

If you have questions, contact your staff liaison, Pam Grove, at pgrove@mtc.ca.gov or 415-778-6706.

Officials Gathered to Mark the Start of the Golden Gate Bridge Suicide Deterrent System

Politicians, community advocates, and transportation agencies came together on April 13 to commemorate the beginning of construction of the suicide deterrent system on the Golden Gate Bridge. In addition to MTC Commissioners, Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Congressman Jared Huffman, and Assemblyman Phil Ting were in attendance. Following the ceremony, speakers, Bridge District board members, and families who have lost loved ones all planted yellow marigolds on the hillside in memory of the more than 1,500 lives lost to suicide at the bridge over the years.

To read more about the ceremony, including comments from the speakers, information about those who have been lost to suicide on the bridge, and details about the project, go to:

<http://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/officials-gather-mark-start-construction-golden-gate-bridge-suicide-deterrent>

Last Old Bay Bridge Truss Removed

Caltrans' ongoing project to demolish the original East Span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge reached a historic milestone in late March 2017 when the final 1.7-million-pound steel truss section of the old Bay Bridge was lowered, completely disassembled and recycled as part of the Old Bay Bridge alignment.

Extensive monitoring and mitigation efforts will continue through the total completion of demolition as the environmental team continues to work alongside crews to ensure the safe dismantling of the original East Span. Caltrans is exploring options to complete the demolition by the end of 2017.

To read more about the demolition project and see the Caltrans video update, go to:

<http://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/last-old-bay-bridge-truss-removed>

Executive Director's Report

The following items are excerpts from the April 2017 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>.

- **CARB Presentation – March 23, Riverside**

The so-called “Big 4” metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) in California made a presentation to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) about the process they have underway to consider raising the greenhouse gas emission targets required under SB 375.

- **Government in Transition Panel – April 3, Berkeley**

I was invited to join a panel discussion about the infrastructure plans of the new Trump Administration organized by the Institute of Transportation Studies at UC Berkeley.

Executive Director's Report (continued)

- **SB 1 Passage – April 6, Sacramento**

After considerable debate and some arm-twisting, the California Legislature enacted the first gas tax increase under its own legislative authority – that is, without a vote of the electorate – since 1983. Great credit goes to Senate Transportation and Housing Committee Chair Jim Beall and Assembly Transportation Committee Chair Jim Frazier, two Bay Area stalwarts. On behalf of Governor Brown, Transportation Secretary Brian Kelly's contributions also were critical.

- **Morales Leaves CHSRA – April 21, Sacramento**

Jeff Morales has announced that he is stepping down from his position of CEO of the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) on June 2nd. We wish him well in his future endeavors.