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**Agenda Item 6**  
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## *Memorandum*

TO: Policy Advisory Council

DATE: November 1, 2017

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RE: Staff Liaison Report – November 2017

### **Policy Advisory Council Appointments**

Policy Advisory Council appointments for the 2017-2021 term were confirmed at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission meeting on October 25, 2017. There will be an orientation for new members at 11:30 a.m. on November 8, 2017 and returning members are welcome to attend if they would like a refresher and an early opportunity to meet new members.

### **Resources for Bay Area Cities and Counties in Response to the North Bay Fires**

MTC and ABAG have developed a webpage containing links to information that elected officials and staff may find helpful in the aftermath of the North Bay fires, including tools for recovery and rebuilding, funding opportunities and other support. While many of these tools are not wildfire specific, the lessons learned can be applied across different disaster types. View the resources at <http://resilience.abag.ca.gov/uncategorized/north-bay-fire-resources/>.

To read the full story, go to: <https://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/resources-bay-area-cities-and-counties-response-october-2017-north-bay-fires>.

### **New Bay Area Vital Signs: Emissions Fall Even as Economy Soars**

As the Bay Area economy recovered from 2010 to 2015, data shows the region also turned greener, with total greenhouse gas emissions holding steady during this period and per-capita emissions falling by 6 percent. These findings are among dozens on the state of the Bay Area environment as part of the regional Vital Signs initiative at [www.vitalsigns.mtc.ca.gov](http://www.vitalsigns.mtc.ca.gov). The website provides Bay Area residents an interactive tool for tracking the region's progress toward reaching key environmental, transportation, land-use and economic policy goals.

To read the full story go to: <https://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/new-bay-area-vital-signs-emissions-fall-even-economy-soars>.

### **Bay Trail Summit: Envisioning a Complete Bay Trail**

Bay Area planners, advocates and decision-makers gathered in late September to discuss a vision they all share for a completed Bay Trail — 500 continuous miles of shoreline paths ringing the entirety of San Francisco Bay and serving as both a recreation and transportation corridor for bicyclists and pedestrians and as a strong economic generator for the region.

To read the full story go to: <https://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/bay-trail-summit-envisioning-complete-bay-trail>.

### **Ford GoBike on Fast Track for Equity, Inclusion as "Bike Share For All" Hits 500-Member Mark**

Ford GoBike announced it has attracted 500 low-income members so far thanks to its ambitious social equity initiative, called “Bike Share For All.” The program is designed to help both eliminate financial barriers to bike sharing for low-income riders and expand availability.

To read the full story go to: <https://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/ford-gobike-fast-track-equity-inclusion-bike-share-all-hits-500-member-mark>.

### **Executive Director’s Report**

The following items are excerpts from the October 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>.

### **CASA Steering Committee – September 27, San Francisco**

We hosted the first meeting of the policy-level CASA Steering Committee here at the Bay Area Metro Center. While mostly an introductory session, I was pleased with the significant turnout of members, including dual MTC/ABAG board members Cortese, Mackenzie, and Pierce, MTC Commissioner Schaaf, and ABAG Board Member Julie Combs. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the committee will be in January 2018.

### **Polling on Gas Tax Repeal – October 2, Newport Beach**

A statewide poll has found that 54% of California voters would vote against a possible ballot measure to repeal the taxes and fees contained in the Senate Bill 1 transportation funding package approved by the Legislature earlier this year. The cross-tabs reveal that the level of opposition among regions of the state is highest in the Bay Area at 60%.

### **State of the Estuary Conference – October 10-11, Oakland**

Kudos to the San Francisco Estuary Program for another stellar conference that drew hundreds of participants to the Scottish Rite Temple in Oakland. I attended a provocative panel discussion involving Resources Agency Secretary John Laird, Assemblyman Rob Bonta of Alameda, and ABAG Board Member Dave Pine.

### **Bay Area Partnership – October 20, San Francisco**

The latest meeting of the multi-agency Bay Area Partnership was focused on two programs that will see dramatically augmented funding levels from the passage of SB 1: the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the State Transit Assistance (STA) program. You have a committee recommendation before you today on our proposal to link STIP funding to housing production. The STA policy issues will be arriving at your doorstep by the end of the calendar year.