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TO: Policy Advisory Council

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RE: Staff Liaison Report – December 2017

Policy Advisory Council Nominations

Nominations for chair and vice chair of the Council, for a two-year term covering 2018 and 2019, are open now through January 10th. Nominations can be submitted to handerson@bayareametro.gov or during the Council meeting on January 10th. Councilmembers will vote to elect the new chair and vice chair at the following Council meeting on February 14, 2017.

MTC Joins Successful ‘Startup in Residence’ Program, Seeks Innovators to Help Address Regional Challenges

MTC has been selected to participate in the Startup in Residence (STIR) program, which connects government agencies with startups to develop innovative technology solutions for civic challenges. Over 16 weeks from February to May of 2018, prospective startups will work with MTC on improving traffic incident information for emergency responders, helping transit riders with disabilities submit online applications for discounted fare cards, and integrating transit service data from the region’s more than 30-plus transit providers. For more information on the program, go to <https://startupinresidence.org/>.

To read the full story, go to <https://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/mtc-joins-successful-startup-residence-program-seeks-innovators-help-address>.

Draft 2017 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan

MTC’s Draft 2017 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan Update for the San Francisco Bay Area is now available for public review and comment. Comments must be received by Thursday, January 11, 2018. View the Plan at https://mtc.ca.gov/sites/default/files/MTC_Draft_Coordinated_Plan_November_2017.pdf. Comments may be submitted by e-mail at CoordinatedPlan@bayareametro.gov or mailed to: MTC, Attn: Programming and Allocations – Coordinated Plan, 375 Beale Street, Suite 800, San Francisco, CA 94105.

To read the full story, go to <https://mtc.ca.gov/our-work/plans-projects/other-plans/coordinated-public-transit-human-services-transportation-plan>.

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San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) Breaks Ground on Richmond Ferry Terminal

The Richmond Ferry Terminal construction project is the final step toward the launch of new ferry service between Richmond and San Francisco, expected to begin in September 2018. The new service will provide a critical expansion to regional ferry operations.

To read the full story, go to: <https://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/weta-breaks-ground-richmond-ferry-terminal>.

New Generation of Roadway Repair on Tap for California

SB 1 is forecast to generate more than \$5 billion in the Bay Area and \$54 billion statewide over the next 10 years. About half will go to cities and counties to repair local streets and roads, supplement local dollars for new transportation projects, and advance local planning initiatives. The remaining half will go to repair highways, bridges and culverts; relieve congestion on the state's most traveled highways, improve trade corridors such as the truck and rail routes leading to and from the Port of Oakland; upgrade interregional highways and intercity rail systems; and enhance multi-modal travel options, including public transit and active transportation.

To read the full story go to: <https://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/new-generation-roadway-repair-tap-california>.

Executive Director's Report

The following items are excerpts from the November 2017 Executive Director's Report to the Commission.

To read the report in its entirety go to:

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

Future Interstate Committee – November 7-8, Washington, D.C.

I attended the regular meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) committee overseeing a major study of the Interstate Highway System and its role in meeting the mobility needs of the nation for the next 50 years.

Competing Tax Bills Released – November 9, Washington, D.C.

The Republican leadership in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate have now released detailed legislative proposals to reform the federal corporate and individual tax codes, with a self-imposed deadline of trying to pass a single compromise measure by the end of 2017. The bills that have been introduced would have far-reaching effects throughout the U.S. economy, including in the transportation and housing sectors.

MTCs legislative staff has prepared a side-by-side comparison of the two bills which can be view at https://mtc.ca.gov/sites/default/files/Tax_Reform_Comparison_Chart.pdf.

North Bay Fire Recovery

We have continued to consult with our public sector colleagues in Sonoma and Napa counties about how ABAG and MTC can assist in the recovery and reconstruction efforts that are now underway. We have focused on the hardest hit areas of the city of Santa Rosa. Former ABAG executive director Henry Gardner is under contract to provide peer-to-peer assistance to officials in Santa Rosa given Henry's experience as city manager during the 1991 Oakland Hills Fire. We have offered to dedicate staff resources from our resiliency team for the next several months as reconstruction efforts ramp up. We are also exploring with our Sonoma partners various grant opportunities – both public and private, both for planning and capital construction – which MTC could provide from its own portfolio of funding programs or from various near-term state discretionary funding opportunities.

Map of the Month: 2017 North Bay Wildfire Affected Areas

Each month Executive Director Steve Heminger presents a new map to the Commission to help explain important trends in the Bay Area, across the nation and around the world. Below is the November 2017 Map of the Month: *2017 North Bay Wildfire Affected Areas*.

On Sunday October 8th, the first of four devastating wildfires ignited in Napa County near tiny Tubbs Lane just north of Calistoga fueled by parched grass and tinder-dry trees. That same evening, dry, hurricane speed winds swept through the area with gusts over 80 miles per hour at times. Within the first five hours of ignition, the Tubbs fire would be just one of four blazes burning across the Northern Bay area. In total, the North Bay wildfires claimed the lives of 43 people, burning over 161,000 acres across Sonoma and Napa Counties. Some 8,200 structures were either damaged or completely destroyed in the North Bay, the majority of which were located within Sonoma County. Santa Rosa lost about 3,110 structures to the Tubbs Fire. The map charts the damage from these fires in graphic form.

[Visit our Map of the Month](#) page at to review not just our current map, but those presented at previous Commission meetings as well.

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