

To: Marketing, Planning, and Legislative Committee

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SUBJECT: One Bay Area Plan

Background:

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) have joined together to create the One Bay Area Plan. The goal of the One Bay Area Plan is to move the Bay Area toward lower emissions, less reliance on auto trips, lower transportation cost, and to house the anticipated 2035 population without displacing low income individuals. The plan specifically addresses the requirements of SB375.

Five land use scenarios have been developed that vary in terms of where the growth of housing and employment takes place. Priority development areas (PDA's) are defined and the various scenarios identify the percent of development that will occur within the PDA's. In the Core scenario, for instance housing development is focused in areas within a 45 minute commute of Oakland, San Jose, or San Francisco. In the Outward Growth scenario less dense growth is envisioned.

Public workshops are being held on the various scenarios and it is anticipated that the preferred Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) will be adopted in May.

Summary of Issues

There is quite a bit of controversy related to the adoption of the SCS because all of the possible scenarios will override local land use decisions and establish new guidelines for City and County development. The transit operators are not affected by the plan as only two transit options are considered; retain the current system and expand the current system. Transit ridership will be affected by land use decisions however there is no plan to change transit funding or service policies.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications for CCCTA in MTC and ABAG's adoption of a Sustainable Community Strategy. There are implications for CCCTA in MTC's work to develop a Transit Sustainability Plan (TSP) and staff will continue to keep the Board apprised of developments on this front.