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## *Planning Committee STAFF REPORT*

Meeting Date: May 2, 2012

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### **SB 375/SCS Implementation Update**

#### **Selecting a Preferred Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) Alternative**

MTC and ABAG are moving toward the selection of a preferred SCS Alternative based on the following schedule:

1. March 9, 2012: the joint MTC Planning Committee and the ABAG Administrative Committee selected a preferred land use scenario. Called the Jobs-Housing Connection (JHC) Scenario. The preferred scenario is a hybrid of the previous alternatives. On March 27, ABAG released the detailed households and jobs allocations, which staff is using to analyze the data at the subregional-level. ABAG announced that they will accept comments on the preferred alternative through April 18.
2. April 13, 2012: the Committee selected the transportation improvement network for the preferred scenario. At this meeting, project proponents brought their "compelling case" arguments for low-performing projects to the Committee. The Authority used alternative means to avoid having to make an argument for two of its projects.
3. May 11, 2012: based upon the decisions made in the previous two meetings, the Committee will select the Preferred SCS Alternative, which will include a land use and transportation network reflective of the preferred SCS.
4. May 23, 2012: MTC will direct staff to proceed with development of the 2013 Draft RTP EIR, based upon the Preferred SCS Alternative.

Following the May meeting, work will continue on the Preferred SCS Alternative in preparation for the release of a Draft EIR in November 2012. The EIR will test the preferred alternative land use and transportation networks against at least one "project" alternative (the Initial Vision Scenario has been identified as one alternative that could be included in the EIR modeling).

**Planning Directors Meetings:** The Planning Directors met on Friday, April 13, 2012 to review and discuss the status of the Preferred SCS Alternative and discuss the OneBayArea Grant (OBAG) proposal.

**Regional Advisory Working Group:** The RAWG met on April 3, 2012 to discuss the SCS preferred alternative land use scenario (Jobs-Housing Connection).

**OneBayArea Grant (OBAG) Program:** On April 4, MTC released a revised draft OBAG proposal which includes a PDA Growth Strategy. CCTA staff is reviewing and commenting on the proposal, which is scheduled for adoption by MTC on May 23rd.