



Planning Committee STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: January 2, 2013

SB 375/SCS Implementation Update

MTC Delays Release of Draft Plan Bay Area (2013 RTP): MTC staff has indicated that the schedule for release of the Draft 2013 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) has been delayed by several months. ~~As indicated in the attached memo, the~~ The Draft RTP previously scheduled for release in November 2012 has been moved to April 2013, with adoption of the final RTP moved from April to June 2013. The delay is due to the complexities and challenges of developing the region's first Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). Furthermore, technical issues have arisen with MTC's interactive use of its first activity-based travel demand forecasting model (Travel Model One), and a new land use model (UrbanSim).

Regional Advisory Working Group (RAWG): For the time being, the RAWG meetings have been cancelled. MTC and ABAG staff have indicated that the RAWG will reconvene as soon as the initial results of the RTP DEIR alternative studies are available for review.

OneBayArea Grant (OBAG) Program: Staff has updated the schedule for preparing the PDA Investment and Growth Strategy and programming the OBAG funds. Under the new schedule, the PDA/OBAG Working Group would meet in January and February to review the initial information on the implementation of local housing policies and infrastructure needs and develop criteria for use in selecting projects for OBAG funding. In March, the Planning Committee would release the call for projects. This call for projects is intended to be comprehensive in nature and would include all projects and programs seeking funding in the next seven years as part of the 2013 Congestion Management Program's Capital Investment Program (CMP-CIP). Individual projects seeking funding through the OBAG program would be selected from those submitted by sponsors during this comprehensive call for projects, eliminating the need for multiple calls.

In February and March, the Working Group would prepare the proposed PDA Strategy, outlining potential long-term approaches and priorities for supporting the development of PDAs in Contra Costa while preserving the existing transportation system. The Authority would approve the PDA Strategy at its April meeting, and the Authority would approve the OBAG funding recommendations at its June meeting.

Planning Directors Meetings: The Planning Directors of Contra Costa meeting previously scheduled for December 14, 2012, has been moved to Friday, January 11, 2013. Discussion topics will include further discussion of the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) funding program, and development of the PDA Investment & Growth Strategy, and discussion of the 2014 Countywide Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update.