

Date: _____ February 11, 2008

Committee Meeting Date: _____ February 21, 2008

Board Meeting Date: _____ March 6, 2008

BOARD MEMORANDUM

INFORMATION ITEM

TO: Congestion Management Program and Planning Committee
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Board of Directors

THROUGH: Michael T. Burns
General Manager

FROM: John H. Ristow
Chief CMA Officer

SUBJECT: MTC Transportation 2035 (T2035) – Proposed Vision Policy Strategies

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

BACKGROUND:

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is the document that establishes the long-range transportation program for the nine-county Bay Area. The current RTP, called T2030, was adopted by MTC in 2005 and MTC is in the process of updating the RTP. The new edition will be called T2035 and is scheduled for adoption in early 2009.

DISCUSSION:

T2035 will establish a broad regional vision for transportation and develop general investment strategies designed to achieve that vision. Included as Attachment A, is the Proposed Vision Policy Strategies document presented by MTC. The document describes five main policy areas: (1.) Investments, (2.) Pricing, (3.) Focused Growth, (4.) Technology, and (5.) Individual Actions.

The next steps for MTC are to approve the policy guidelines, scheduled for March 14. VTA in the development of our county wide plan can use these policy guidelines to frame discussion on our transportation investment strategies in the update of VTP 2035.

STANDING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION:

The Congestion Management Program and Planning Committee received a staff presentation on the item on February 21, 2008. The Committee discussion focused on the importance of the MTC policies on local transportation decision making process and expressed concern over the short timeframes available for discussion and local policy input back to MTC. The Committee requested that this item be forwarded to the next Board of Directors meeting along with additional staff analysis of the proposed policies and an assessment of the implications of the policies from

the perspective of transportation decision making in Santa Clara County. Due to timing of the preparation of the final Board memorandum, VTA staff will submit the requested analysis under separate cover.

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