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TRAC Members & Associates--

ITEM 1:

TRAC'S Board of Directors met in San Luis Obispo last week. Among the many discussion items we considered, we made two unanimous action statements to pass on to our members.

TRAC strongly opposes the proposed reworking of the funding mechanisms for the State Public Transportation Account. The current mechanisms have functioned for thirty years and there is no compelling reason to completely overhaul them.

TRAC strongly supports funding for improvements to the Union Pacific's coast line between Santa Barbara and points north, either by public funding or a PPP.

TRAC Directors have been active players on the Transportation for America (T4A) coalition, working to identify projects for inclusion in the Federal government's stimulus legislation now being considered by the US Congress. TRAC members will be part of a delegation to Washington DC the week of 1 February to call on the California delegation with T4A recommendations.

ITEM 2:

MTC is gearing up to recommend a set of ready-to-go Bay Area transportation projects for inclusion in the federal economic stimulus proposal that Congress intends to submit to President Obama early next month.

Despite an incredibly short timeline given to us by our legislators, MTC would like to discuss this proposal with our advisors and seek your comments. MTC staff will present the economic stimulus information at the next meeting of MTC's Minority Citizens Advisory Committee, slated for Tuesday, February 10, 3:15 p.m. in the Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter Auditorium. Advisors from all three advisory committees are strongly encouraged to attend and provide comment. Public participation is strongly desired, TRAC encourages our members to attend the MCAC meeting scheduled as listed below:

Tuesday, February 10, 3:15 p.m.

Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter Auditorium

If you are unable to attend the MCAC meeting but would like to hear the staff presentation on this

item, you may attend the next meeting of the Bay Area Partnership Board, which is scheduled for Friday, February 6, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., in Nile Hall, Preservation Park, Oakland (a short distance from the 12th Street BART Station).

Please RSVP as to your availability for the meeting at glambert@mtc.ca.gov or 510-817-5787 (TRAC members please identify yourselves).

Thanks in advance for your assistance!

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