




**Transportation 2035:  
Call for Projects &  
Project Performance Assessment**

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**FOCUS: Program Overview**

- A development and conservation strategy for the San Francisco Bay Area
- Multi-agency initiative
- Builds upon previous and existing smart growth efforts
- Focus growth in specific areas to direct planning and public investment
- Promotes the development of "complete communities"




**FOCUS: Priority Areas**

- Focus growth in areas suitable for development (priority development areas)
- Protect areas important for conservation and preservation (priority conservation areas)




**FOCUS: Priority Development Areas**

- Support infill development near transit in existing communities, with an emphasis on housing
- Voluntary process with willing jurisdictions
- 50 jurisdictions (plus several CMAs) applied for over 100 proposed areas
- Designation informs regional agencies which areas want and need assistance and expresses the region's priorities for growth



**FOCUS: Priority Conservation Areas**

- Near-term land conservation opportunities
- 55 entities proposed over 100 PCAs
- Areas with consensus, sense of urgency, and significance to the region's open space network
- Collaborative effort with open space groups and Coastal Conservancy (funding)
- Regional consensus and buy-in around priority conservation areas will position the region to receive more funding for parks and open space protection



## FOCUS: Potential Incentives

### Planning Grants

- Planning grants currently available to Priority Development Areas

### Technical Assistance

- Planning grant recipients will be provided assistance to help ensure successful plan implementation
- Photomsimulations, parking studies, GIS services,...

### Capital Infrastructure

- State Bond Propositions: 1C and 84
- Potential - MTC's 2009 Regional Transportation Plan



## FOCUS: Timeline

### Priority Development Areas

- Approved by ABAG Executive Board, November 2007
- Now accepting applications for planning grants – due Feb. 29, 2008
- Second call for PDA applications expected Summer 2008

### Priority Conservation Areas

- Staff currently following up with applicants and local jurisdictions, coordinating with parallel planning efforts (i.e., Green Vision, Upland Habitat Goals, Urban Parks)
- In July 2008, staff will present recommendations to the ABAG Executive Board for regional adoption of PCAs
- Second call for PCA nominations expected Fall 2008



## Metropolitan Transportation Commission

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## What is the Metropolitan Transportation Commission?

- Created by California Legislature in 1970
- Jurisdiction includes nine Bay Area counties
- Policy board representation from each county, as specified in state statutes
- State and Federal laws give MTC planning and funding authority for transportation



## What is *Transportation 2035*?

- 25-year Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
- Guides transportation investments in Bay Area
- Expenditures must match projected revenues
- Updated and adopted every four years (previous RTP adopted in 2005)



## Transportation 2035 Schedule

- **Phase 1: June 2007 - Nov 2007 (Completed)**
  - Define Goals
  - Analyze vision scenarios
- **Phase 2: Dec 2007 – July 2008 (In Progress)**
  - Develop Vision Policy Strategies and Performance Objectives
  - Issue Call for Projects
  - Evaluate Projects
  - Conduct "investment trade-off" discussion
  - Develop financially-constrained investment plan
- **Phase 3: August 2008 - Feb 2009**
  - Release Draft RTP and Environmental Impact Report in December 2008
  - Adopt Final RTP in February 2009



## Call For Projects

- Any transportation-related project can be submitted to MTC for consideration for discretionary funding
- Submission deadline: March 5, 2008
- Tribal Governments can submit their projects directly to MTC



## How do we evaluate projects?

### Project selection process:

1. Qualitative evaluation compares projects to policies
2. Quantitative evaluation compares costs and benefits
3. Trade-off discussion: identify projects that provide good value



## Qualitative Policy Evaluation

- MTC conducted vision scenario analysis in 2007
- Emergence of 5 interdependent policy areas
- Each policy area requires different types of actions
- Policy areas can be used to evaluate the compatibility and suitability of projects



## Quantitative Performance Evaluation

### Measure the benefits and costs of:

- Doing road and transit maintenance on schedule
- Reducing traffic injuries and fatalities
- Reducing congestion
- Reducing emissions, including carbon dioxide
- Improving access and affordability

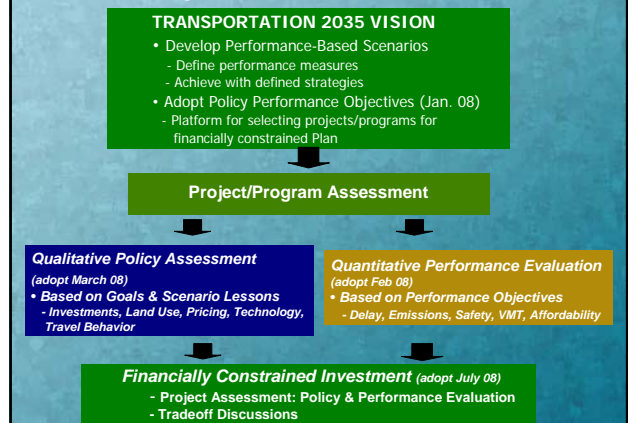


## Trade-off Discussion

- Based on evaluation results, MTC will host discussions with stakeholders and decision-makers
- Timeframe: April-June 2008
- Tribal Governments are encouraged to participate through one-to-one consultation with MTC



## Project Evaluation Process



Thank you!

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