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To: ABAG Executive Board
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Subject: **Update on ABAG/MTC Merger Study**

Since the last ABAG Executive Board meeting in January, two special meetings of the Joint MTC Planning Committee/ABAG Administrative Committee have taken place. At the first meeting on January 22nd, the consultant team selected for the Merger Study, Management Partners, was introduced. They presented a draft work plan and schedule for the study and solicited comments from committee members. The joint committee also decided to calendar an extra meeting, the fourth Thursday of every month, to work with the consultant team to stay on schedule with the merger study.

The next meeting of the Joint MTC Planning Committee/ABAG Administrative Committee was on February 26th. Management Partners reported back on their research on how other regional transportation and planning organizations were structured, including three in CA (SCAG, SANDAG, SACOG) and three others serving Chicago, Washington, D.C. and Puget Sound. There was also discussion about ongoing stakeholder engagement. The packet for that meeting can be found at: <http://abag.ca.gov/meetings/administrative.html>

On March 25th, Management Partners will present the next set of deliverables to the Joint MTC Planning Committee/ABAG Administrative Committee. They will include:

1. An update on the Merger Study
2. An overview of MTC and ABAG planning program areas
3. A Five-Year Financial Forecast for MTC and ABAG, with and without the impact of MTC Resolution 4210
4. An overview of preliminary stakeholder engagement themes
5. Results of the elected officials electronic survey
6. A review and discussion of the proposed merger study principles, problem definition, range of options and evaluation criteria

Management Partners will not be providing an evaluation of any of the proposed options at this time, that will be presented at the April 22nd Joint Committee meeting. At the March 25th meeting, they will be looking for comments and feedback on the principles, range of options and evaluation criteria.

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We look forward to providing any new updates at the March 17th ABAG Executive Board meeting and hearing your thoughts and concerns about ongoing outreach efforts and the six items (listed above) that will be the subject of at March 25th Joint MTC Planning Committee/ABAG Administrative Committee meeting.