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ABAG

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To: Regional Planning Committee

From: Miriam Chion, Planning and Research Director

Re: MTC Proposal to Transfer Regional Land Use Planning Staff and Associated  
FY 2015-2016 Planning Budget

This is an update on the MTC proposal to transfer land use planning from ABAG to MTC and stop the interagency funding agreement. Since our last Regional Planning Committee both agencies have provided additional information on current challenges and alternative proposals to strengthen our regional planning work. We have also received substantial input from cities and organizations.

MTC staff released a full proposal on September 18, 2015 (See attachment 3). ABAG staff prepared a memo that assessed the proposal for the ABAG Executive Board. (See attachment 2). The MTC Executive Director presented the proposal to the MTC Commission on Wednesday September 23, 2015, which was followed by extensive public comments from over 40 speakers and commissioners' deliberation. ABAG staff prepared a summary of the commissioners' responses. (See attachment 1) You can find all documents related to this topic at [http://abag.ca.gov/media/2015\\_merger/](http://abag.ca.gov/media/2015_merger/).

We are having substantial conversations, which we believe will allow us to arrive at a stronger process of collaboration going forward.

*Attachment 1: Summary of the Commissioners Responses*

*Attachment 2: Proposal for the ABAG Executive Board*

*Attachment 3: MTC Proposal*