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October 21, 2015

Dave Cortese  
Chair, MTC Board of Commissioners  
101 Eighth Street  
Oakland, CA 94607

Dear Chairman Cortese and MTC Board of Commissioners:

I write to you in regards to the current Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) proposal to create an integrated regional planning department between MTC and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG).

While I understand the need to improve the current land-use and transportation planning strategies to meet our greenhouse gas reduction goals from SB 375 (2008), my underlying concerns are adopting a plan without exploring all merging options and potential solutions involving all stakeholders.

Simply put, instead of approving this proposal, I urge that the Board reevaluates its plans and allows for an open and fully transparent discussion on restructuring the duties, responsibilities, and authority of both MTC and ABAG. I also ask that MTC continues to provide funding to ABAG until an inclusive agreement can be reached.

I encourage MTC and ABAG to work collaboratively to come up with a fair solution, which will best serve the complex regional planning needs of the Bay Area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan A. Bonilla".

Assemblywoman Susan A. Bonilla  
14<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

CC: Julie Pierce, President, ABAG Executive Board  
Ezra Rapport, Executive Director, ABAG

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