

Memo from Ken Bukowski
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to: ABAG Executive Board

As stated in a previous email I have fully documented all the meetings in 2002 when former Senator Torlakson was determined to merge these two agencies. I prepared written transcripts of all the meetings between ABAG and MTC. History is very important and it makes good sense to learn from the past as we move into the future.

The transcripts are available at
<https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B1oeHPokfoWjckFkd09HbXgwWjA&usp=sharing>

The conclusions I reached from the meetings in 2002 is that it's not possible for the ABAG and MTC Boards to ever agree on a merger. The transcripts reveal the Members of the Boards did not feel comfortable providing information about how each of the agencies operate, either because they don't really know, or because openly sharing their opinion could have consequences..

I propose the Staff of each agency develop a proposal of how they would run a combined agency. The proposals can be submitted for a vote at a Special ABAG General Assembly Meeting. Perhaps we can even allow each individual elected member of a city council or board of Supervisors to cast one vote to encourage greater participation.

The Staff's of each agency would have to agree, in advance, to be bound by the majority vote of the elected officials. This suggestion will force the two agencies to become only one agency. The San Francisco Bay Area is the only region in the United States where transportation and land use planning decisions are made by two separate agencies.

This is a great way to spark interest and involvement from many elected officials. This decision is more properly made at the local level anyway. State Legislation will likely be necessary to enforce the decision We should determine our future, and maintain local control.

I hope this information is useful.

Sincerely,

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