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**AD HOC SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
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SUBJECT: METRO SUSTAINABILITY POLICY FLOW CHART

ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE METRO SUSTAINABILITY POLICY FLOW CHART

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file report on Metro Sustainability Policy Flow Chart.

ISSUE

At the October 2014 Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee meeting, the Board directed staff to develop a report showing the relationships between different Metro sustainability and active transportation policies. The chart found in Attachment A illustrates the intersection of policies and directives at the State, subregional, corridor, and station levels.

DISCUSSION

At the State level, California State Senate Bill 375 (SB 375) provides the overarching framework for Metro's sustainability initiatives. SB 375 was passed in 2008 and directs metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) to develop a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as part of their Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). SB 375 further informs the development of regional greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.

Pursuant to SB 375, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) adopted the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS. The strategies outlined in the RTP/SCS integrate land use and transportation planning, adhering to the state mandated greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction guidelines. Furthermore, the RTP/SCS prioritizes transportation funding for projects which reduce greenhouse gas emissions like public transportation and active transportation.

In 2012, SCAG and Metro partnered to enter into a Joint Work Program (Program) to implement the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS at the county level. The Program consists of 11 implementation activities, including policies and plans, identification of funding sources, and establishment of performance metrics. Highlights include completion of the First/Last Mile Strategic Plan, significant progress on the Countywide Safe Routes to

School Initiative, adoption of the Complete Streets Policy, success of the Regional Plug-In Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan, and ongoing coordination on legislative and funding issues.

In a parallel effort to implement corridor-level GHG reduction strategies in line with state mandates and the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS, Metro developed the Countywide Sustainability Planning Policy (CSPP), which was approved by the Metro Board in December 2012. The CSPP establishes a planning framework for incorporating sustainability into Metro's planning functions. The CSPP's implementation plan provides further direction to develop policy and guidance, establish performance metrics, conduct pilot projects, and advance community partnerships and collaboration.

Metro's First/Last Mile Strategic Plan (Plan) is both an implementation item of the SCAG/Metro Joint-Work Program, and a component of Metro's CSPP's implementation plan. The station-level Plan expands the reach of transit through infrastructure improvements, maximizes multi-modal benefits and efficiencies, and guides strategic investment. Staff is currently undertaking efforts to implement the Plan through coordinated efforts with local jurisdictions and identification of funding sources.

The Countywide Sustainability Planning Policy further informs the development of Metro's Complete Streets Policy, which was approved by the Metro Board in October 2015. Complete Streets describes a comprehensive, integrated transportation network with infrastructure and design that allows safe and convenient travel along and across streets for all users, including pedestrians, users and operators of public transit, bicyclists, persons with disabilities, seniors, children, motorists, users of green modes, and movers of commercial goods. Metro's Complete Streets Policy is intended to help advance state, regional and local efforts to create a more "complete" and integrated transportation network for all modes of travel in Los Angeles County. The policy is a tool to help guide Metro to better coordinate within the various functions and departments of the agency and between partner organizations that have influence or jurisdiction over the public realm.

The development of the Active Transportation Strategic Plan (ATSP) is also rooted in Metro's CSPP and will provide supervision at the station-level. The ATSP will identify strategies to improve and expand the active transportation network to improve access to transit for patrons of all ages and abilities, thus expanding the reach of transit and attracting new transit riders; improve and expand the regional bikeway network to increase personal travel options, and integrate and leverage other public and private investments to maximize benefits. The ATSP will provide guidance to Metro and partner organizations, such as local jurisdictions, regional government, and other stakeholders, in setting regional active transportation policies and guidelines to meet transportation goals and targets in support of the RTP/SCS and other future planning efforts. The project team will be engaging local government and other stakeholders to identify key regionally significant active transportation projects and programs within Los Angeles County and each sub-region through a collaborative stakeholder process and explore strategies to expedite implementation.

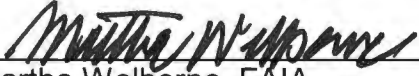
NEXT STEPS

We will continue to implement policies and strategies pursuant to state mandates and GHG emission reduction targets. Metro's sustainability initiatives will grow and expand consistent with regional plans and will continue to support and implement Metro's overarching sustainability goals and priorities. Metro will transition policies and guidance into consistent practice by pursuing demonstrations, refining concepts, and integrating with the agency's standard practices. Staff will provide updates to the flow chart as needed.

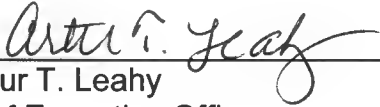
ATTACHMENTS

- A. Sustainability Policy Flow Chart

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ATTACHMENT A

