

AGENDA: June 17, 2004

TO: Transportation Policy Workshop

FROM: Sean Co, Senior Transportation Planner

RE: Notice of Preparation and Public Scoping Meeting of a Draft Program
Environmental Impact Report for the 2005 Monterey Bay Area Metropolitan
Transportation Plan, 2005 Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan, Santa
Cruz County Regional Transportation Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for information only.

BACKGROUND

At the June 3, 2004 meeting, the Commission approved a Cooperative Agreement for the development of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 2005 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/ Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) and the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) to contract with the consulting firm Lamphier-Gregory. This shared process for the development for the EIR was approved at the September 4, 2003 meeting.

DISCUSSION

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of the Draft EIR for the 2005 Monterey Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan, 2005 Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan, 2005 Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Plan was released on May 28, 2004. AMBAG staff prepared and released the NOP. Comments on the NOP are due to AMBAG on July 6, 2004.

A public scoping will be held on June 22, 2004 at 6:00 pm in the Commission conference room. The purpose of this public scoping meeting is twofold: 1) to provide background on the RTP and MTP; and 2) to solicit public input about environmental categories on which to focus during development of the program level EIR for the plan updates. Commissions are welcome to attend. Staff will prepare display ads for major papers and send out a press release to announce this meeting.

SUMMARY

In preparation for the Draft EIR for the 2005 Monterey Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan, 2005 Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan and the 2005 Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Plan, a NOP was prepared and a public hearing will be held.

Attachments: 1. Notice of Preparation

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