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AD HOC SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE JANUARY 20, 2016

SUBJECT: SCAG 2016 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY (RTP/SCS)

ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE

RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE AND FILE status report on SCAG 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS).

ISSUE

On July 2, 2015 the Southern California Association of Governments adopted the Updated Sustainability Joint Work Program between SCAG and Metro, which was approved by the Metro board on May 28, 2015. At the October 14, 2015 Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee Meeting staff and SCAG updated the Committee on progress made to date and Committee Member Bacharach asked that Staff and SCAG explain how technology is treated in the Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS).

DISCUSSION

Metro and SCAG have provided regular updates and progress reports to the committee on the SCAG/Metro Joint Work Program and RTP/SCS. SCAG will provide an overview of the RTP/SCS along with specific details on technology strategies, as requested, and summarized below.

RTP/SCS: TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION

Since SCAG adopted the last RTP/SCS, technology and innovation have emerged as major themes of this 2016 RTP/SCS Plan update. Technology as a concept is a very broad topic. The term has myriad connotations and encompasses products such as smart phones and electric cars; advancements in software development such as real-time travel information and online banking; and new service paradigms such as ride sourcing and peer-to-peer home sharing. Some of these so-called "new" concepts have actually been around for a long time, but only recently have they scaled up because of technological innovations. The 2016 RTP/SCS uses the term "mobility innovations" to characterize the new technologies that help us move about the region. The 2016 RTP/SCS includes policies and models the market growth of four key new mobility innovations: Zero Emissions

Vehicles, Neighborhood Electric Vehicles, Carsharing services and Ridesourcing (also known as Transportation Network Companies or TNCs). SCAG's presentation will explain how mobility innovations are discussed further in the 2016 RTP/SCS at the meeting.

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