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Subject: Comments on RTP/SCS March 11, 2011 Draft Committed Funds and Projects Policy

Dear Mr. Heminger,

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) has reviewed the Draft Committed Funds and Projects Policy, which will be presented to the MTC Planning Committee at its meeting on March 11, 2011. We appreciate MTC's efforts in proposing two options for consideration, Environmental Certification and Construction, both of which will result in significantly fewer committed projects than the approach used in the development of T2035.

Alameda CTC would like to express its support for Option 1: Environmental Certification. As we have stated in previous venues, by the time a project has cleared the environmental phase, the project has been fully vetted with resource agencies and the community and project scopes are fully defined and evaluated. We agree that because of Senate Bill 375, projects and programs will need to be carefully assessed and implemented in ways that meet the adopted goals and targets. However, where the line is drawn for a project to be committed should be carefully considered, especially after substantive evaluation, agreement and funds have been spent in developing these important projects.

Regarding projects identified as exempt by Senate Bill 375, Alameda CTC would also like to recommend the Commission assume that a performance assessment is not required for sales tax measure projects that were passed in a ballot measure prior to December 31, 2008. These projects are voter approved and should be assumed to be committed.

We appreciate your consideration of the above. Please contact Art Dao, Executive Director of the Alameda CTC, with any questions. Mr. Dao can

be reached at 510/208-7402 via telephone or adao@alamedactc.org via email.

Sincerely,



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