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MEMORANDUM

To: **Freight Committee**

From: CMAP Staff

Date: November 19, 2012

Re: Survey of Freight Committee members

At its September 17, 2012 meeting, CMAP staff announced that CMAP is refocusing the Freight Committee with a greater emphasis on policy issues than in the past. As a consequence, staff announced that CMAP will be reviewing the membership of the CMAP Freight Committee and making changes to its composition. Staff further announced that a forthcoming survey will be used to help evaluate the interests of the current membership.

On October 24, 2012, staff emailed a survey to the existing Freight Committee membership. Of 22 members, 11 submitted complete answers to a series of questions about future freight committee topics.

Survey respondents were asked to identify how long they have served on the committee and their comfort with participating in discussions involving policy issues. The following table summarizes responses by issue areas.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Do not know
Federal reauthorization principles	9%	**46%**	18%	9%	9%	9%
State legislative activity on transportation	9%	**27%**	**27%**	9.1%	18%	9%
Transportation funding gaps and revenue	9%	**36%**	27%	9%	9%	9%
Congestion management strategies including pricing	18%	9%	**55%**	0%	0%	18%
Truck routing plans	18%	**36%**	18%	9%	9%	9%
Freight related safety issues	18%	**36%**	27%	9%	0%	9%
Freight performance measures	9%	**36%**	27%	9%	9%	9%
Funding and performance of CREATE	9%	9%	**46%**	18%	9%	9%
Community impacts of freight	**36%**	27%	9%	9%	9%	9%
Freight Intelligent Transportation Systems	18%	18%	**46%**	0%	9%	9%

Freight workforce issues	**36%**	0.0%	18%	18%	18%	9%
Freight business trends	**27%**	**27%**	9%	9%	18%	9%
Innovation in the freight industry	**27%**	18%	9%	18%	18%	9%

Some respondents provided "write in" comments, including land-use, economic development, environmental sustainability, maritime issues, World Business Council activities and Public Private Partnerships with examples from other countries.

The survey provided a useful check-in with half of the membership, indicating a mix of strong to moderate self-evaluations of participants' comfort with providing input to CMAP staff on a variety of policy related topics.

Beginning in January, the Freight Committee will be reconvened with a mix of current members and new members drawn from public and private groups to provide input to CMAP on these important policy issues. Staff will provide notice to existing committee members on continuing with the committee or not, and issue invitations to new committee members.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

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