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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** MPO Policy Committee

Date: January 7, 2010

From: Bob Dean, Principal Regional Planner

**Re:** GO TO 2040 Preferred Regional Scenario

The current stage of *GO TO 2040* involves the development of the "preferred Regional Scenario," which is meant to communicate the plan's key policy directions without going into a high level of detail on its recommendations. This is an interim product that will be used to communicate the plan's priorities until a draft document is prepared in spring 2010. Attached to this memo is the latest draft of the preferred Regional Scenario report.

The policy directions expressed in this report represent the results of considerable research and technical analysis, an extensive public engagement process during summer 2009, and direct outreach to key stakeholder groups across the region. A draft of the preferred Regional Scenario report was developed in early October and has been under discussion by committees and other stakeholders since that point. The attached report reflects the comments and suggestions received during that time.

At the January 14 meeting, staff will ask the MPO Policy Committee to endorse the preferred Regional Scenario. The Planning Coordinating Committee will be requested to recommend endorsement at its January 13 meeting, and staff will report on the results of this meeting. The Transportation Committee recommended the endorsement of this document at their meeting on January 6.

Receiving endorsement will allow staff to go into further detail on developing the policies and recommendations of *GO TO 2040*. The purpose of requesting endorsement of the report at this point in the process is to ensure that the general direction of *GO TO 2040* is acceptable before going too far in developing specific recommendations.

ACTION REQUESTED: Endorsement of the preferred Regional Scenario.