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MEMORANDUM FOR: Local Governments on a Five (5) Year Housing Element Schedule

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SUBJECT:

Option to Change Next Housing Element Updates from a
5-Year to a 8-Year Schedule

This memorandum provides **time-sensitive** information to local governments interested in changing their housing element (HE) schedule for the next 6th cycle update from a 5-year HE planning period to an 8-year HE planning period. Attachment 1 identifies Senate Bill 375 (Steinberg, Chapter 728, Statutes of 2009) statutory amendments providing an option to applicable transportation agencies to change the update schedule for the regional transportation plan (RTP) and housing element (HE).

A metropolitan planning organization (MPO) or regional transportation planning agency (RTPA) on a 5-year regional transportation plan (RTP) update schedule can elect to adopt its RTP every four years. After the election is made, all local governments within the region of the MPO or RTPA change from a 5-year to an 8-year HE planning period beginning with the next HE update.

For the next 6th cycle housing element update, the MPO or RTPA must make its election before December 31, 2014, at least 54 months prior to the next 6th cycle HE due date (June 30, 2019) for local governments currently on a 5th cycle 5-year HE update schedule. Attachment 2 identifies MPOs and RTPAs on a 5-year RTP update schedule and local governments on a 5-year HE update schedule.

In considering the option to change the update schedule for the next RTP in order to change the next housing element update schedule and planning period from five (5) to eight (8) years, the MPO or RTPA is required to hold a public hearing and notify the public and localities at least 30 days before the hearing. If the election is made, the Department must be promptly notified and the next RTP must be completed within three (3) years of the notification of electing a 4-year RTP update schedule. Local governments will have a new HE due date based on the requirement to update and adopt the housing element no later than 18 months from adoption of the RTP.

Local governments interested in changing from a 5-year to an 8-year housing element planning period should quickly communicate with the MPO or RTPA to take necessary actions by specified time periods. Please contact the Department at 916-263-2911 for questions or technical assistance.

**MPO/RTPA Option to Change
RTP Update Schedule from Five (5) Years to Four (4) Years and
Housing Element Update Schedule from Five (5) Years to Eight (8) Years
SB 375 (Steinberg, Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008)
*(underlining added for emphasis)***

65080(b)(2)(L) Option to Change RTP Update Schedule from Five Years to Four Years

(L) A metropolitan planning organization, or a regional transportation planning agency not within a metropolitan planning organization, that is required to adopt a regional transportation plan not less than every five years, may elect to adopt the plan not less than every four years. This election shall be made by the board of directors of the metropolitan planning organization or regional transportation planning agency no later than June 1, 2009, or thereafter 54 months prior to the statutory deadline for the adoption of housing elements for the local jurisdictions within the region, after a public hearing at which comments are accepted from members of the public and representatives of cities and counties within the region covered by the metropolitan planning organization or regional transportation planning agency. Notice of the public hearing shall be given to the general public and by mail to cities and counties within the region no later than 30 days prior to the date of the public hearing. Notice of election shall be promptly given to the Department of Housing and Community Development. The metropolitan planning organization or the regional transportation planning agency shall complete its next regional transportation plan within three years of the notice of election

65588(e)(3)(C) Action Required to Change Housing Element from Five Years to Eight Years

(C) If a metropolitan planning organization or a regional transportation planning agency subject to the five-year revision interval in subparagraph (B) makes an election pursuant to subparagraph (L) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 65080 after June 1, 2009, all local governments within the regional jurisdiction of that entity shall adopt the next housing element revision no later than 18 months after adoption of the first regional transportation plan update following the election. Subsequent revisions shall be due 18 months after adoption of every second regional transportation plan update, provided that the deadline for adoption is no more than eight years later than the deadline for adoption of the previous eight-year housing element

Transportation Planning Agencies Currently on a 5-Year Schedule to Update the Regional Transportation Plan	Local Governments Currently on a 5-Year Schedule to Update the Housing Element
Alpine County Transportation Commission	Alpine County
Amador County Local Transportation Commission	Amador County and all cities
Calaveras Council of Governments	Calaveras County and all cities
Colusa County Local Transportation Commission	Colusa County and all cities
Del Norte County Local Transportation Commission	Del Norte County and all cities
Glenn County Local Transportation Commission	Glenn County and all cities
Humboldt County Association of Governments	Humboldt County and all cities
Inyo County Local Transportation Commission	Inyo County and all cities
Lake County/City Area Planning Council	Lake County and all cities
Lassen County Transportation Commission	Lassen County and all cities
Mariposa County Local Transportation Commission	Mariposa County
Mendocino Council of Governments	Mendocino County and all cities
Modoc County Transportation Commission	Modoc County and all cities
Mono County Local Transportation Commission	Mono County and all cities
Nevada County Transportation Commission	Nevada County and all cities
Plumas County Transportation Commission	Plumas County and all cities
San Luis Obispo Council of Governments	San Luis Obispo County and all cities
Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency	Shasta County and all cities
Sierra County Transportation Commission	Sierra County and all cities
Siskiyou County Transportation Commission	Siskiyou County and all cities
Tehama County Transportation Commission	Tehama County and all cities
Trinity County Transportation Commission	Trinity County
Tuolumne County Transportation Council	Tuolumne County and all cities

List information was obtained from Cal Trans links:

[www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/orip/rtp/index_files/MPO RTP Status Chart Website 2014-05-16.pdf](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/orip/rtp/index_files/MPO_RTP_Status_Chart_Website_2014-05-16.pdf)
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