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Memorandum

Date: April 3, 1979

To: Local Officials Advisory Committee

From: Charles Williamson^{ew}, Chairman, MSD Transportation Committee

Subject: Involvement of Local Elected Officials in Regional Transportation Matters

The MSD Council has established a Transportation Committee to review transportation/air quality matters and make recommendations to the full Council. It is the desire of the MSD Transportation Committee to work closely with elected officials of local general purpose governments and policy-level representatives of agencies responsible for implementing transportation plans. To accomplish this objective, a Joint Policy Advisory Committee is being formed composed of members of the MSD Transportation Committee, elected officials of affected local jurisdictions, representatives of implementation agencies, and representatives from the state of Washington. The purpose of this memo is to ask your assistance in selecting local elected officials to sit on the joint committee. By separate letters, I have invited representatives from implementation agencies and the state of Washington. In addition to satisfying our desire for a close working relationship between policy-level officials involved in regional transportation matters, such a joint committee will provide the mechanism to satisfy federal requirements for a cooperative transportation planning process.

While we feel you should be afforded a great amount of flexibility in designating local elected officials to sit on the joint committee, we have a few suggestions for your consideration. First, it appears that the local elected officials sitting on the Joint Policy Advisory Committee should be considered a subcommittee of the Local Elected Officials Advisory Committee. Five to seven elected officials would be appropriate. Geographic representation should be a concern. Rather than designating specific elected officials, you may wish to designate specific jurisdictions or groups of jurisdictions to be represented and depend on the designated jurisdiction(s) to name their specific representative.

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We anticipate that a number of critical transportation issues will be coming before MSD. Among them are the allocation of the \$20 million Interstate Reserve fund, agreement on an air quality control strategy, designation of corridors appearing to warrant investment in fixed guideway transit facilities as well as modal and route alternatives, and approval of a new regional transportation plan. As you can see, decisions on these and other transportation matters are crucial to the future of our region.

Our next meeting is at 7:30 a.m. on April 12, 1979. If possible, we would like to see local elected officials at this meeting. Subsequently, we are anticipating monthly meetings to consider transportation items.

Thank you for your consideration.

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