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To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

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Subject: Item 4.d: e-MPO Status Update

**Action Recommended: None. Information only.**

**Background:**

At its March 9, 2006 meeting, MPC received information on the proposed development of the "e-MPO" concept. The concept involves several inter-related electronic layers designed to provide a user-friendly public interface, local planning staff front- and back-ends, and MPO staff management systems to manage, make accessible, and interact with the MPO's project and other information more seamlessly.

Phase one development of this project included:

- Converting the Regional Transportation Plan to an interactive electronic format
- Developing the MPO's website to provide one portal for multiple transportation plans and programs
- Creating an interactive map-based application to allow citizens to access information on programmed transportation projects
- Developing a back-end project database to serve all of the MPO's products and functions

Staff has completed the phase one prototype for the MPO website and interactive project information application. Paul Thompson, Senior Planner will present the website features live at the August MPC meeting.

In future phases, full interactive mapping, regional database coordination for MTIP tracking, and services related to communications plan implementation for specific projects could be developed.

**Next Steps:**

1. The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) will view an externally posted website prototype and provide feedback over the next two to three months.
2. LCOG staff will continue to refine textual content, graphics, and ease of use throughout the fall.
3. MTIP database development shall resume in January.

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