FACT SHEET

Alternative Transportation and Livable Communities Group

- The Alternative Transportation and Livable Communities (ATLC) group, hosted by the California Department of Transportation (Department), was established in FY2000-01 and is made up of representatives of various advocacy groups with an interest in livable communities, smart growth, mobility alternatives, and flexible, context-sensitive design.

- The group was established in response to the veto of a bill sponsored by the Surface Transportation Policy Project that would have directed the Department to revise its Design Manual, and specifically include various interest group representation on an advisory committee for that task.

- The Department agreed to meet with members of these groups to better understand their concerns, share what efforts were being made by the Department, and to attempt to collaboratively develop solutions.

- The group has met quarterly since then and has addressed a wide variety of topics ranging from non-motorized mobility improvements to funding program status.

- The meetings are facilitated by the Deputy Director for Planning and Modal Programs, and are coordinated through the Division of Transportation Planning, Office of Community Planning.

- Membership has been largely open to any interest group identified within the subject area that is willing to participate. Department managers, largely division chief level, are invited to provide information and updates on various topics.

- This group was created and continues to meet ad hoc, as there is no legislative mandate or charter directing its efforts. The original intent was to foster better partnerships with these interests to ensure Department efforts were at least considerate of their concerns.

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