



# Memorandum

**TO:** BUILDING BETTER  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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**SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION  
INCIDENT MANAGEMENT CENTER**

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In October 2003, the Department of Transportation (DOT) presented to the Building Better Transportation Committee (BBT) a report on the current use of Signal Central located in the downtown office of DOT. Also presented was the vision for replacing the 15 year old facility with a new *state-of-the-art* Transportation Incident Management Center (TiMC), with additional capabilities to manage security threats and support public safety providers in incident response. TiMC will also serve as a central facility for South Bay's research and development activities and regional crash analysis and management. Since this time, DOT has aggressively sought and secured federal grant funds to support the implementation of this vision.

On August 10, 2005, President Bush signed into law the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). SAFETEA-LU provides \$286.4 billion in guaranteed highway, transit and highway safety investment for the six-year period of 2004 through 2009. Included in this bill is a \$6.4 million earmark for the construction of the Silicon Valley Transportation Incident Management Center in San José.

Also during this time, DOT, along with the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments, and the Office of Emergency Services determined that incorporating TiMC into the current Emergency Communications Center located at San Pedro Street facility would improve overall public safety services. The Public Works Department, responsible for the procurement of architectural services for the renovation of the Emergency Communications Building, has incorporated this concept into its planning and design work. A request for proposal was completed and issued on August 26, 2005. The renovation will be funded in part by the \$159 million General Obligation Bond Measure approved by San José voters in March 2002, TiMC earmark, and Traffic CIP.

At the BBT Committee meeting in October, DOT will make a presentation on the proposed modification of the Communications Building to accommodate the new TiMC, describing the planned use of the new Emergency Communications Center.

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