Key Points in Today's Presentation

1. 1 of the steps in our 12-step process to adopt a new long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan is to forecast the amounts and types of growth that will occur between now and the Year 2045. This is step #5 in your agenda packet handout.

2. We need to establish "guide totals," by county, for 5 types of growth: single-family housing, multi-family housing, and 5 categories of jobs.

3. We do this by starting with forecasts from 3rd-party sources, like the Office of State Budget & Management and private-sector vendors, then looking closely at the status and trends of data we have locally, like building permit data.

4. In the end, you will select a set of guide totals, and we are committed to making sure you know where they come from – and that they are reasonable, transparent and well-documented.

5. A key point to keep in mind is that even though we can't know what our exact growth will look like over the next 30 years, to the degree we are wrong it may just mean that our growth is a little slower or faster than anticipated – the transportation investments to serve that growth will likely still be worthwhile.

6. For today, we just want you to see what a set of "guide totals" looks like, so we have included two examples in your packet, along with an illustration of how adjusting one factor – the proportion of single family vs. multi family housing over the next 20 years – would influence the results.

7. At your October meeting, we will be back with a refined set of guide totals that we will ask you to accept for the purposes of beginning the scenario analysis. But we will still have the opportunity to tweak these totals as we develop the plan. The final guide totals will be adopted at the same time you adopt your preferred alternative.

8. So if you have any comments or questions about this step in the process, please let us know, and we will come back with responses by your next meeting.