REPORT

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TO: Community, Economic and Human Development Committee

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SUBJECT: 2007 RTP Growth Forecast Update Process

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Provide comments, inputs and direct staff to proceed with the 2007 RTP Growth Forecast Update Process.

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:
The current FY 04-05 OWP 05-055 requires Community Development Division to start the 2007 RTP growth forecasting process. As in previous forecasts, Community, Economic and Human Development Committee will oversee the 2007 RTP Growth Forecasting Update Process. Staff will work closely with subregions and subregional coordinators to move the process forward, and report key development and progress to Planning & Programming Technical Advisory Committee.

Community Development staff have started key preparation works from last July in order to lay the foundations to complete the 2007 RTP. Those preparation works, some still on-going, include developing 2000/2003 socioeconomic data for transportation modeling improvement, update and validation, coordinating with transportation analysis, programming, modeling and growth visioning staff on a master schedule for completion of 2007 RTP/EIR.

Attached is the draft 2007 RTP Growth Forecast Update Process. In light of the most recent socioeconomic trends and data at macro and region/county/city levels, it is expected that 2007 RTP growth forecast will require only minor update/adjustment from the adopted 2004 RTP growth forecast. Thus, built upon the consensus reached for 2004 RTP Growth Forecast, staff envision the public participation and outreach process will just require quick consultations with forecasting experts, stakeholders, and simple reviews from subregions and local jurisdictions. Finally, the implementation of growth visioning strategies and their monitoring will provide inputs to refine growth distributions. Staff will formally present these findings and evidences in a separate meeting.

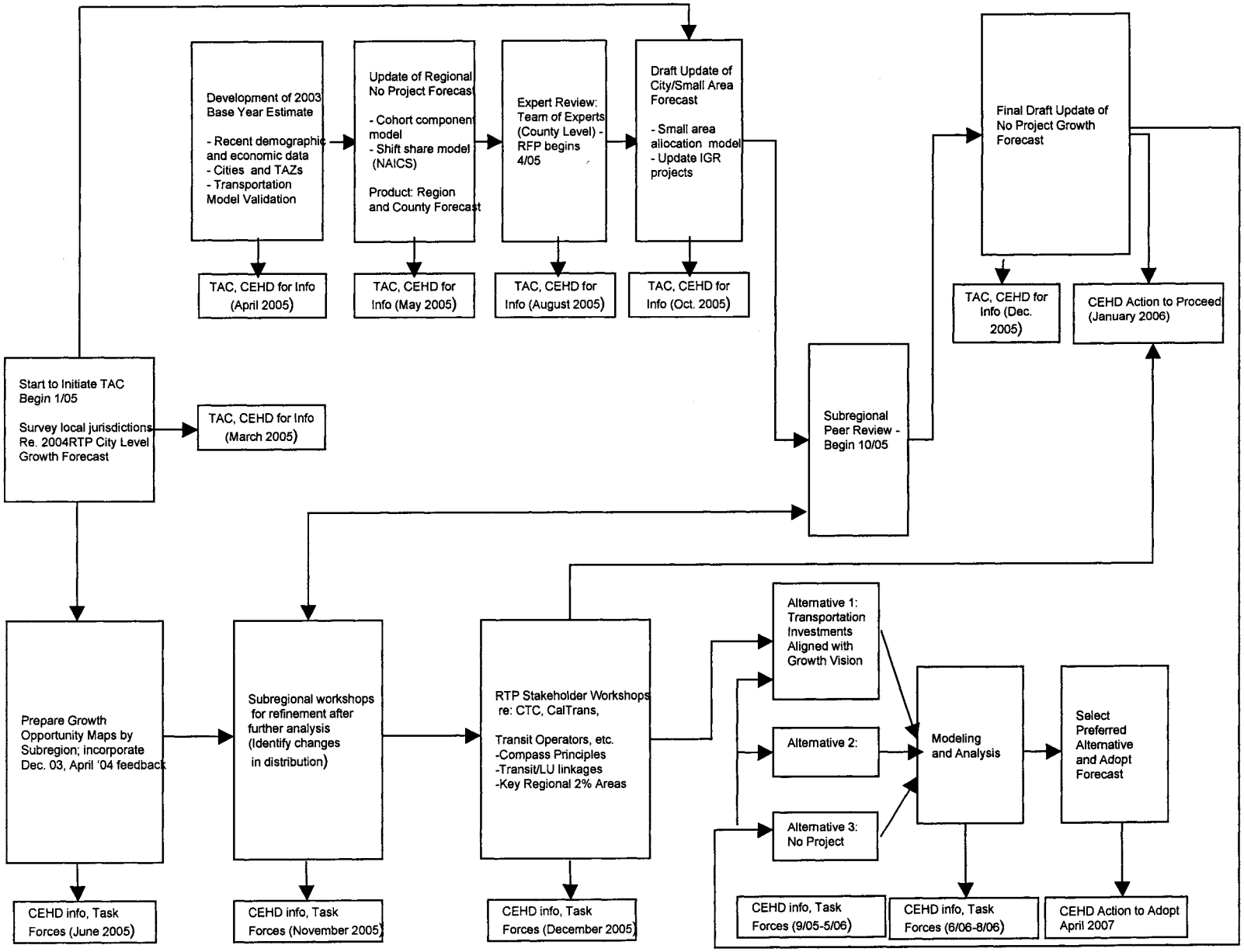
The major milestones of the 2007 RTP Growth Forecast Process include:

- May 2005: Draft 2007 RTP Growth Forecast Update of no-project forecast at region and county level.
- October 2005: Draft 2007 RTP Growth Forecast Update of no-project forecast at City/Small Area level.
- December 2005: Final Draft 2007 RTP Growth Forecast Update of no-project growth forecast
- January 2006: CEHD action to proceed the development of Draft 2007 RTP/EIR Growth Forecast Alternatives
- October 2006: CEHD action to release Draft 2007 RTP/EIR Growth Forecast
- April 2007: CEHD action to adopt the 2007 RTP/EIR Growth Forecast.

FISCAL IMPACT:
This project is programmed in the FY 2004-05 SCAG Overall Work Program and it will be further carried over to the FY 2005-06 SCAG Overall Work Program.

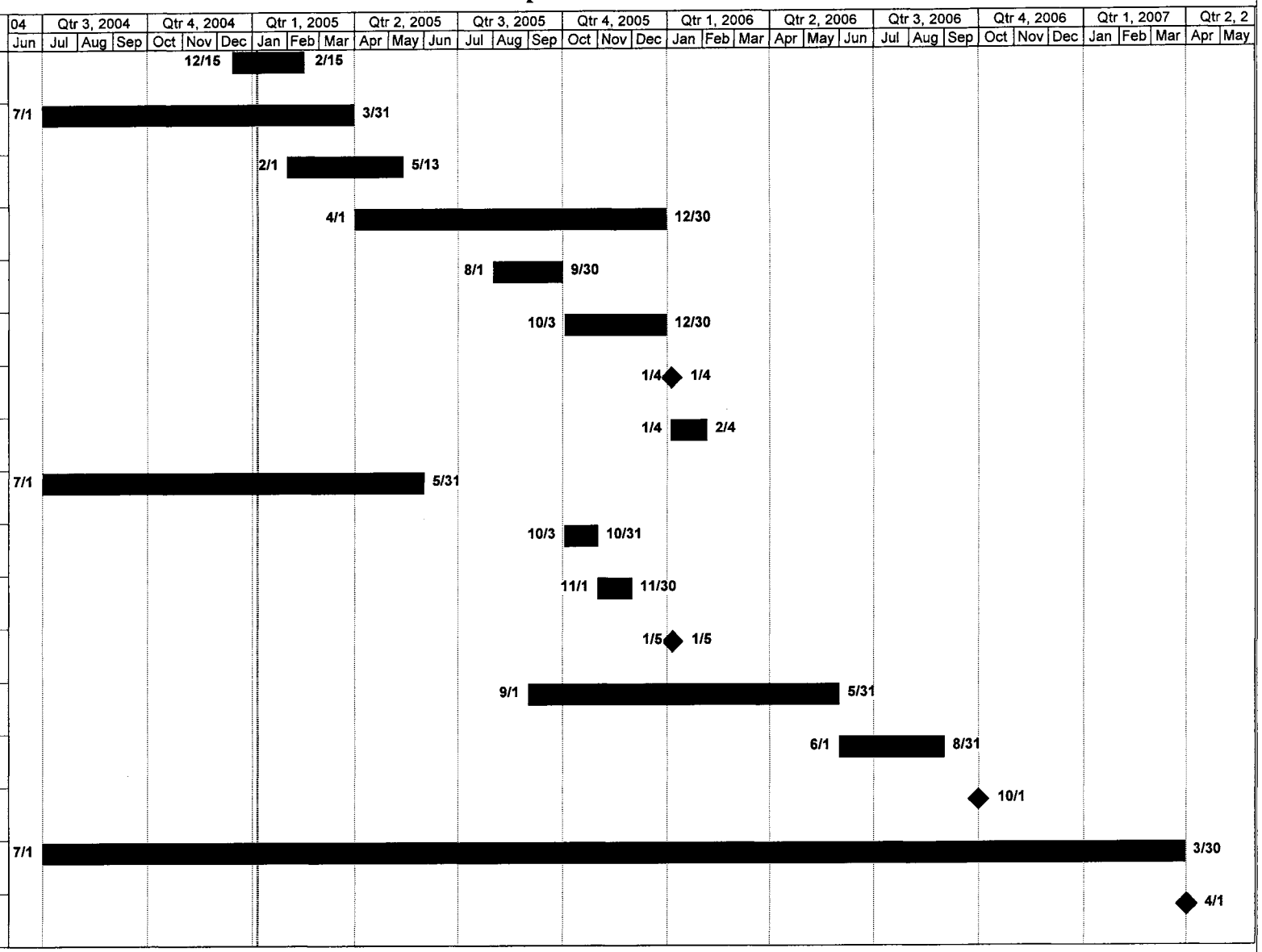
ATTACHMENT:
Draft 2007 RTP growth forecast update process (flowchart & schedule).

2007 RTP Growth Forecast Update Process



2007 RTP Growth Forecast Update Process

ID	Task Name	Start	Finish
1	Survey Local Jurisdictions	12/15	2/15
2	2003 base year estimate (all geographic levels)	7/1	3/31
3	Draft no-project 2003-2030 (large areas)	2/1	5/13
4	Expert review for county level primary variables	4/1	12/30
5	Draft no-project 2003-2030 (small areas)	8/1	9/30
6	Subregional peer review	10/3	12/30
7	Final draft county/subregional data	1/4	1/4
8	Finalize no-project projection (all geographic levels)	1/4	2/4
9	Growth opportunity maps by subregion	7/1	5/31
10	Subregional workshops	10/3	10/31
11	RTP Stakeholders workshops	11/1	11/30
12	CEHD action to proceed	1/5	1/5
13	Alternatives development	9/1	5/31
14	Modeling, analysis & alternatives refinement	6/1	8/31
15	Draft RTP	10/1	
16	CEHD committee periodic update	7/1	3/30
17	Final RTP	4/1	



Project: Schedule for 2007 RTP No-Pr
Date: Wed 1/5/05

Task		Summary		Rolled Up Progress		External Milestone	
Critical Task		Rolled Up Task		Split		Deadline	
Progress		Rolled Up Critical Task		External Tasks			
Milestone		Rolled Up Milestone		Project Summary			