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Programming and Allocations Committee
February 13, 2008
Minutes

Chairperson Tissier called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. Other Commissioners present were Vice Chair Federal Glover, Commissioners Ammiano, Bates, Blanchard, Chu, Cortese, Dodd, Giacopini, Haggerty, Halsted, Lempert, Sartipi, Rubin, Worth and Yeager.

Consent Calendar

The Committee approved the following consent items:

- *Minutes of January 9, 2008 meeting as submitted.*
- *Allocation of FY 2007-08 Transportation Development Act (TDA), and State Transit Assistance (STA) to various claimants for transit capital and operating purposes. MTC Resolution Nos. 3810, Revised and 3811, Revised.*
- *2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 2007-21. MTC Resolution No. 3755, Revised.*

Federal Programming

- *New Freedom Program FY 2006 Program of Projects, MTC Resolution No. 3847*

The Committee approved the staff recommendation to refer MTC Resolution No. 3847 to the Commission.

Steve Heminger noted that the New Freedom Program is a new Federal Program and suggested that unless there are questions or concerns, there should be a motion to move it to the commission.

Speaker – Julia Epstein, Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund in Berkeley, one of the partner agencies of the Ed Roberts Campus, thanked the commission for support of the Ed Roberts project, specifically Tom Bates who has been very supportive. She invited the commission to the groundbreaking on Saturday May 31st, 2pm at the Ashby BART station.

Speaker - Corinne Goodrich, SamTrans thanked the commission for recommending their project.

Regional Programming

- *Proposed FY 2008-09 Annual Fund Estimate. MTC Resolution No. 3845*

The Committee approved the staff recommendation to refer MTC Resolution No. 3845 to the Commission.

Theresa Romell, MTC, provided an overview of the FY 2008-09 Annual Fund Estimate which includes an estimate of expected revenue generations for the coming year, and a reconciliation of carryover funds from the prior fiscal year as well as an adjustment to the remaining revenue levels for this year. Fund sources included in this proposal are TDA, STA, Assembly Bill 1107, and transit-related bridge toll revenues.

A list of issues presented to the committee:
1. Deteriorating Sales Tax Revenue Picture
2. Higher State Transit Assistance
3. Transit Coordination and Inter-Operator Agreements
4. Bridge Tolls
5. End-of-Year Revision to Fund Estimate

Commissioner Scott Haggerty inquired as to why AC Transit would take a bigger hit than SamTrans. Steve replied that it is related to how far off the individual county auditor estimates are.

Steve stated that MTC advises the county auditors to aim low and if the revenue is higher, MTC will release the revenues to transit operators. Some county auditors continue to insist on a high estimate, and then MTC must allocate to the higher estimate and afterwards rescind the allocation when the revenues don't materialize.

Haggerty asked if AC Transit understood this. MTC staff assured Commission Haggerty that yes, they do understand, in fact they revised their allocation request and lowered it substantially.

Haggerty suggested that MTC looks back 6 yrs at the auditor's estimates compared to actuals, and review the differences.

- *Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Operating Program Update*

Steve Heminger suggested postponing this item for a month to be on the March agenda.

Public Comment
No Public Comment.

Chair Tissier adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.