

## PARTNERSHIP TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC) MINUTES

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### 1. Introductions

*Marcella Rensi (Chair)* requested introductions.

### 2. Minutes of December 17, 2007 PTAC Meeting

The minutes for the December 17, 2007 PTAC meeting were accepted.

### 3. Partnership Reports

The Partnership Board meets on February 29, 2008.

Transit Finance Working Group (TFWG) – *Todd Morgan, Chair* – The TFWG met on January 9, 2008. Todd reported that the STA Consolidation Policy – was completed and Option 2 was chosen, the funding breakdown is as follows: 28% Northern Counties & Small Operators, ~16% Paratransit, 29% Lifeline and ~27% MTC Regional Coordination.

Local Streets & Roads Working Group (LS&RWG)– *Ben Tripousis, City of San Jose* – The LS&RWG met on February 1, 2008. Key discussions included: 1) Prop 1B Local Streets and Roads disbursement guidelines, 2) T2035 and its next steps in relation to the LS&R/Transit and the RTP, 3) MTC's Call for Projects for P-TAP Round 10 and the ongoing funding of the program.

Programming and Delivery Working Group (PDWG) – *Matt Todd, MTC* - PDWG met on February 4, 2008. Key topics included: 1) 2008 STIP/RTIP and 2) a workshop on Caltrans' Cooperative Agreements.

## Discussion Items

### 4. 2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development Process and Schedule

*Sri Srinivasan (MTC)* reported that the 2009 TIP review process has begun; access was opened for sponsor review on January 28, 2008. The review period will end on February 15, 2008 and the TIP will be locked down. Ross McKeown (MTC) elaborated that the total project cost must be shown in the TIP and only committed funds can be in the 4-year period of the TIP, uncommitted funds will have to be programmed in the outer years using a specific fund code "RTP-LRP". In order to have any project phase in the TIP period, the project must be fully funded as shown in the financially constrained element of the RTP. Sponsors will have an opportunity to make adjustments to their projects during the public comment period, which is scheduled to begin March 28, 2008. Detailed information regarding the 2009 TIP is available online at <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/tip>.

### 5. Proposed FY 2008-09 Fund Estimate

*Theresa Romell (MTC)* distributed and summarized the FY 2008-09 Annual Fund Estimate. The Fund Estimate contains estimates of transit revenue for the Transportation Development Act (TDA) program, State Transit Assistance (STA) program, AB1107 and any transit-related Bridge Toll revenues. Regarding STA, the Governor's proposed State Budget, released in January, showed Proposition 42 as fully funded and the budget included approximately \$300M in spillover revenue, though the spillover is not a constitutionally protected fund source. As a result, staff urges the operators not to come in for STA allocations until June when the May revise of the State Budget is released. A revised Fund Estimate will be presented in July.

### 6. Bay Area Transit Planners Group's (BATPG) A Strategic Vision for Transit in the San Francisco Bay Area

*Cory LaVigne (AC Transit / BATPG)* provided an overview of its revised strategic vision for Transportation 2035, *A Strategic Vision for Transit in the San Francisco Bay Area*. The BATPG incorporated the recommended changes received at the December 17, 2007 PTAC meeting and sought the Committee's endorsement of the document to the Partnership Board for its review and discussion. The Committee endorsed the document.

### 7. New Freedom FY 2005-06 Proposed Program of Projects

*Christina Atienza (MTC)* distributed the recommended the \$1.5M program of projects for the FY 2005-06 New Freedom Program and summarized program details. The draft recommendations will be presented and discussed with the Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee (EDAC), Transit Finance Working Group (TFWG) and MTC's Programming and Allocations Committee (PAC) for their approval and referral to the Commission for adoption. The next call for projects for the remaining three years, or approximately \$5.1M, of authorized New Freedom Program funding is expected to be released in last summer or early fall of 2008.

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8. MTC Proposed Call for Projects for Pavement Technical Assistance Program (PTAP) Round 10  
*Sri Srinivasan (MTC)* presented the proposed Call for Projects for the Pavement Technical Assistance Program (PTAP) Round 10 and summarized highlights of the program. The deadline to submit applications is April 5, 2008 and the deadline to receive local contributions is May 31, 2008. Staff noted that this round is scheduled to be the last round of PTAP unless alternative funding to support the program is identified. *Follow-up: The deadline to submit local contributions has been revised to June 16, 2008.*
9. a. Transportation 2035 Plan – Project Evaluation  
*Lisa Klein (MTC)* summarized the project evaluation process and reported that there is a Partnership Ad Hoc Committee meeting to discuss the process and performance measures. The approach is to quantify and compare the cost and benefits of projects and relate the benefits directly to the set of performance objectives. Projects evaluated will be drawn from the pool of projects submitted by the March 5 deadline, as well as all projects from the Freeway Performance Initiative (FPI) and approximately 100 other projects chosen through functional and cost criteria. Should the initial criteria result in a large pool, additional criteria may be added to narrow down the project pool. Lisa elaborated on the evaluation criteria, which consists of: 1) Combined Benefit Cost, 2) Cost per Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Reduced, 3) Affordability, and 4) Alternative Benefit-Cost of Maintenance. Committee members recommended changing the terminology for “Alternative Benefit-Cost of Maintenance” to indicate a more straightforward definition, and others felt that the results of the MTC/ABAG Forum reflected that combining projects moves away from the targets. MTC staff will seek the Planning Committee’s approval of the approach and criteria on February 8.
9. b. Draft Transportation 2035 Transit Capital Needs Projections  
*Glen Tepke (MTC)* distributed and summarized the Draft Transit Capital Needs Projections for the Transportation 2035 (T2035) Plan. *Alix Bockelman (MTC)* reported that though most operators’ estimates are asset-based, MTA’s numbers are project-based estimates since they are still working on developing their asset-based estimates.
9. c. Draft Transportation 2035 Transit Operating Needs Projections  
*Christina Atienza (MTC)* distributed the Draft Transit Operating and Maintenance Costs and Revenues Needs Projections for the Transportation 2035 (T2035) Plan and explained the methodology behind the projections. The projections by operator will be distributed at the February 6 Transit Finance Working Group (TFWG) meeting.
9. d. Transportation 2035 Streets and Roads Needs Projections  
*Theresa Romell (MTC)* summarized the Draft Local Streets and Roads Needs Projections for the Transportation 2035 (T2035) Plan. The projections assume operational revenues are equal to needs and assume a 3% annual growth rate for pavement needs. An outside consultant is evaluating local bridge needs. Revenues estimates are still in development and will be presented in the future. Committee members commented that operating costs are not accurately reflected in the needs and, in the future, need to determine a way to quantify both capital and operational needs.
9. e. Transportation 2035 Financial Constraint Policy  
*Theresa Romell (MTC)* distributed and presented the proposed framework for the financially constrained Transportation 2035 (T2035) and outlined the process and timeline for cost review and risk assessment for major capital projects in T2035. Recommended changes include: 1) Retain HOT revenues, 2) Eliminate sales tax rollovers from financial constraint and shift to “vision”, 3) Add spillover revenues, and 4) Add anticipated/unspecified revenues. The total T2035 financially constrained revenue is approximately \$222.4B. Committee members commented that the memo is implying financial assumptions for the “vision element”; however, the “vision element” is financially unconstrained. *Lisa Klein (MTC)* elaborated on the existing statutes for the HOT Lane revenue provisions and noted that changes would be needed for the proposed Regional HOT Lane Network. Committee members expressed concern over supporting new revenue provisions surrounding the proposed Regional HOT Lane Network.

*Ashley Nguyen (MTC)* provided an overview of the cost review and risk assessment process. Beginning March through April 2008, MTC staff and its consultant (BAMC) will perform a cost review and risk assessment of

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operations and expansion projections proposed for consideration in the T2035 Plan. Staff reminded the Committee that projects for consideration in the T2035 Plan must be submitted by March 5, 2008. The proposed projects will be presented to the Planning Committee in May 2008. Comments regarding the T2035 Financial Constraint Policy should be emailed to Theresa Romell at [tromell@mtc.ca.gov](mailto:tromell@mtc.ca.gov) as soon as possible.

### **Information Items / Other Business**

10. TIP Amendment Update

Detailed information regarding the TIP and its amendments is available online at <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/tip/amendments.htm>.

11. Recommended Future Agenda Items

### **Proposed Next Meeting:**

Monday, March 17, 2008

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**(Note: New Room Location)**

101-8<sup>th</sup> Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 171

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