

## PARTNERSHIP TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC) MINUTES

April 21, 2008

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1. Introductions

*Marcella Rensi (Chair)* requested introductions.

2. Minutes of March 17, 2008 PTAC Meeting

The minutes for the March 17, 2008 PTAC meeting were accepted.

3. Partnership Reports

Partnership Board - The Partnership Board meets on May 1, 2008 and May 22, 2008.

Transit Finance Working Group (TFWG) – *Todd Morgan, Chair* – The TFWG met on April 2, 2008. Highlights included: 1) Bay Area Transit Planning Group finalized their Vision; 2) SRTP revenue estimates will be available in May; 3) MTC staff presented its Lifeline Evaluation report; 4) Prop 1B update; and a 5) TDA revision update.

Local Streets & Roads Working Group (LS&RWG)– The LS&RWG met on April 4, 2008.

Programming and Delivery Working Group (PDWG) – *Matt Todd, Chair* - PDWG met on April 21, 2008. Key topics included: 1) Federal and STIP funding, and 2) a discussion on the proposed changes to the Regional Project Delivery Policy.

### Discussion Items

4. Change in CMAQ Minimum Share Amount

*Ross McKeown (MTC)* reported that on February 13, 2008, FHWA issued guidance in response to language in the Energy Independence and Security Act that revised the federal CMAQ share requirement for CMAQ-funded projects. Subsequent to the initial guidance, and in response to various States and MPOs noting other provisions in law that allow the States to fund projects with more than the required minimum match, FHWA reconsidered its initial guidance. On April 7, 2008 FHWA issued revised guidance, and in effect withdrew the earlier requirement that CMAQ funds could be no less than 80 percent of the total cost. Ross cautioned the Group that the response received from the initial guidance revision will more than likely lead to further revisions to the next Act's guidance for CMAQ funding.

5. a. T2035 – May 2008 Public Participation & Outreach Workshops

*Ursula Vogler (MTC)* summarized the May 2008 public participation and outreach activities for the Transportation 2035 (T2035) Plan. Group members requested that the CMAs be allowed an opportunity to provide a brief presentation at each of their respective county outreach workshops and requested an opportunity to review the MTC/ABAG presentation materials prior to the workshop.

5. b. T2035 – Equity Analysis Methodology

*Jennifer Yeamans (MTC)* summarized the proposed Transportation 2035 (T2035) Plan Equity Analysis Methodology, which proposes a three-part framework: 1) financial analysis, 2) outcomes analysis, and 3) policy statements. Group members' comments included: 1) suggested using a comparative model between transit and autos on "how far you can go on \$2.00"; 2) requested trade-off need incorporate local streets and roads with transit; 3) recommended putting together an Equity Analysis subcommittee; and 4) combine household spending with transportation needs. Group members were particularly concerned with timeline issues.

5. c. T2035 – Investment Trade-Offs Framework

*Lisa Klein (MTC)* provided an update on the project evaluation process and summarized the proposed approach to framing the investment trade-offs discussion. The trade-off comparative is \$87B in project requests compared to \$30B in available funding. Group members' comments included: 1) transit operators requested that other needs, particularly facilities, be addressed in addition to score 16 needs; 2) suggested expanding Maintenance theme to cover Focused Growth, Climate, and Safety; 3) suggested adding deferred maintenance costs to future investments should the "High Maintenance" option not be supported; 4) requested clarification on model's assumption regarding Operations and Maintenance, especially projected shortfalls. In an effort to seek out a wider range of technical options, Marcella Rensi (Chair) requested that the Working Groups do more analysis on the trade-off scenarios; Transit Finance Working Group (TFWG) use the Transit Capital Priorities' average asset and the Local Streets &

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Road Working Group (LS&RWG) should review the average pavement condition index (PCI) levels. The Working Groups should be prepared to provide more input to the trade-off discussion at the next PTAC meeting.

6. Release of Draft 2009 TIP for Public Review and Comment

*Ross McKeown (MTC)* reported that the Draft 2009 TIP has been released for public comment. The public comment period ends on May 1, 2008. No further amendments will be processed until after the Commission approves the 2009 TIP. The Commission is expected to approve the 2009 TIP at its meeting on May 29. MTC staff sought concurrence from the Committee to approve the existing Expedited Project Selection Process for the 2009 TIP. The Committee concurred. The Draft 2009 TIP can be found online at: <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/tip/index.htm>.

7. Amendment to Regional Measure 2 Policies and Procedures

*Shruti Hari (MTC) / Christina Verdin (MTC)* summarized the common findings for the FY 2006-07 Regional Measure 2 Audit and summarized the proposed changes to the Policies and Procedures (P&P); the proposed changes will be presented to the Commission at its May meeting.

8. Proposed Programming Guidelines for New Freedom FY 2007 – 2009

*Christina Atienza (MTC)* summarized the proposed programming guidelines and comments received from the various working and advisory groups for New Freedom FY 2007 – 2009. The proposed guidelines prioritize projects by project type and funding agreements are to be based on fund estimates as opposed to actual apportionments. Comments included having a one-year cycle, followed by a two-year cycle. The deadline to submit comments is April 30, 2008. Comments will be incorporated into the final draft guidelines as much as possible and will be presented to the Programming and Allocations Committee for action at their May 14 meeting.

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

9. Solicitation for Nominations for MTC's 2008 Transportation Awards

*Pam Grove (MTC)* distributed nomination forms for MTC's 2008 Transportation Awards. The nomination deadline has been extended to May 23. Additional information and the nomination form are available online at: [http://www.mtc.ca.gov/about\\_mtc/awards/index.htm](http://www.mtc.ca.gov/about_mtc/awards/index.htm)

10. Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for New Starts/Small Starts

*Tina Spencer (AC Transit)* stated that the FTA announced a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the New Starts/Small Starts program for a 30-day review.

11. Recommended Future Agenda Items

### **Proposed Next Meeting:**

Monday, May 19, 2008

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

MetroCenter, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Auditorium

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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