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**Programming and Allocations Committee**  
**July 9, 2008**  
**Minutes**

Chairperson Tissier called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Committee members in attendance were Commissioners Bates, Cortese, Dodd, Glover, Haggerty and Sartipi. Other Commissioners present were Chu, Giacomini, Halsted, Lempert, Rubin, Spering and Worth.

**Consent Calendar**

The Committee approved the following consent items:

- *Minutes of June 11, 2008 meeting as submitted.*
- *Quarterly Report of Executive Director's Delegated Authority Actions.*
- *Revised Regional Project Delivery Policy for the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA). MTC Resolution 3606, Revised.*
- *FTA Section 5310 Elderly and Disabled Specialized Transit Program FY 2007-08 Regional Priorities. MTC Resolution No. 3865.*

Commissioner Tom Bates inquired if the buses purchased in this program were low emissions. Alix Bockelman noted she would provide more information to the committee for the July 23<sup>rd</sup> commission meeting.

- *Revision to Regional Express Bus Program to reassign 11 SamTrans buses. MTC Resolution No. 3385, Revised.*

Commissioner Tom Bates asked about the operating plans provided by the transit operators. Alix Bockelman noted she would also provide this information for the commission meeting.

- *Allocation of \$28.7 million in Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds and \$10.1 million in State Transit Assistance (STA) funds for FY 2008-09 to various claimants in the region. MTC Resolution Nos. 3850, Revised, and 3851, Revised.*
- *2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 2007-26. MTC Resolution No. 3755, Revised.*

**State Programming**

- *FY 2008-09 Fund Estimate Revision. MTC Resolution Nos. 3810, Revised, 3820, Revised and 3845, Revised.*

Theresa Romell, Programming and Allocations, gave an overview of the proposed revisions to the 2008-09 Fund Estimate which will reflect year-end revenue receipts for FY 2007-08 Transportation Development Act (TDA), Assembly Bill (AB) 1107 and transit related bridge toll funds. She noted that revisions to State Transit Assistance funds will be incorporated should the State Controller provide the final FY 2007-08 figures before the Commission meeting.

The Committee approved staff's recommendation to refer this item to the commission for approval.

### **Regional Programming**

- Resolution 3434 – 2008 Strategic Plan – MTC Resolution No. 3434, Revised.

Commissioner Bates advised the committee to consider postponing this item until September.

Commissioner Haggerty and Chair Tissier also indicated they would like to see this item postponed until September.

Steve Heminger, MTC, reiterated that this item was originally scheduled for approval this month to synchronize with the financially constrained element of the RTP, but it would be fine if the committee would like to postpone this item until September.

Chair Tissier indicated that although this item will be postponed until September, she would allow 2 minutes to each speaker that wanted to provide comment on this item.

Speaker Mark Green, Mayor of Union City and Rich Hedges indicated their strong opposition of reassigning RM2 money from the Dumbarton Rail to the BART to Warm Springs project. Mayor Green noted that if the Commission ultimately decided to approve the staff recommendation, several companion actions should be considered to best protect continuation of the Dumbarton project and ensure near-term transportation improvements in the corridor, such as right-of-way acquisition and bus service.

Speakers Tim Pitsker, Fremont resident and lawyer; Nina Moore, Fremont Chamber of Commerce; Tony Fisher, Nummi; Bill Harrison, Vice Mayor of Fremont; Bob Wasserman, Mayor of Fremont and Thomas Blalock, VP BART Board of Directors expressed their support for the reassignment of RM2 money to the BART to Warm Springs project.

Speaker David Schonbrunn, TRANSDEF, expressed concern for the accuracy of cost estimates for the transit expansion projects.

Mary King, AC Transit requested bifurcating the \$35 million that AC Transit would receive through the Resolution 3434 2008 Strategic Plan, which would help AC Transit show full funding on its Small Starts application.

Steve Heminger suggested that MTC could, at the very least, draft a letter to FTA endorsing the \$35 million to AC Transit.

The committee moved that MTC draft a letter to FTA on behalf of AC Transit, report back by the time of the Commission meeting on the feasibility of bifurcating the AC Transit element of the Strategic Plan, while postponing approval of the complete Strategic Plan until September.

- *Lifeline Transportation Program Guidelines and Second Cycle Funding for FY 2009-2011, MTC Resolution No. 3860.*

Therese Knudsen, Planning, presented the Lifeline Transportation Program guidelines and request authorization for \$75 million in funding for the second-cycle of the Lifeline Transportation Program.

Speakers Cindy Dahlgren, CCCTA; Charles Anderson, WESTCAT; Joanne Parker, Santa Rosa City Bus; Amber Crabbe, SFCTA and Tom Harais, Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority suggested that the \$1.5 million that staff is proposing to reserve for a means-based fare pilot program be deferred or completely taken out of the resolution.

Bob Allen, Urban Habitat, thanked MTC for working with stakeholders and transit operators on the means-based fare pilot program and expressed support for delay of the pilot program.

David Schonbrunn, TRANSDEF, urged the commission to go through with the pilot program.

Chair Tissier inquired if there would be timing issues with deferring this issue to September.

Therese McMillan verified that there are timing issues because of the call for projects for the Lifeline program. She reiterated that the pilot program work scope for \$1.5 million has not been defined.

Commissioner Jim Spring commented on the inappropriateness of the pilot program at this time with the cost of fuel on the rise. There is a significant impact on small operators. \$1.5 million is a lot of money to small operators.

Commissioner Federal Glover would like to take a closer look at this program. He commented that \$1.5 million is a lot of money in relationship to the small operators.

Steve Heminger, suggested moving ahead with full funding for 1<sup>st</sup> cycle, while reserving the funds for the 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle, in which staff will return to the committee with specific recommendations.

The Committee moved to refer MTC Resolution No. 3860 to the Commission for approval with the \$1.5 million set aside for the means-based fare pilot program shifted to Tier 2.

- *RM2 Proposed Capital and Operating Allocations. MTC Resolution No. 3652, Revised and 3863, Revised.*

Shruti Hari, Programming and Allocations presented the proposed allocations to AC Transit, LAVTA, Vallejo, Vallejo on behalf of WETA and Tri-Delta Transit of RM2 operating funds totaling approximately \$13.4 million. She also presented the proposed capital allocations of \$3 million to WETA; \$2.5 million for the construction of berthing facilities for spare vessels at WETA's Pier 9 facility and \$500,000 for supporting the design element of the South San Francisco Ferry Terminal project.

The Committee approved the staff recommendation to refer MTC Resolution Nos. 3652, Revised, 3863, Revised to the Commission for approval.

- *California Transportation Commission (CTC) Report*

Alix Bockelman, Programming and Allocations, gave a brief report regarding the June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- Several items related to the Prop 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) including financial accountability guidelines.
- Approved two minor CMIA amendments to the Caldecott Tunnel and Sonoma 101 HOV projects.
- Sunol Grade and Ed Roberts Campus received allocations and are ready to go to construction.

**Public Comment**

No public comment.

Chair Tissier adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.