

PARTNERSHIP TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC) MINUTES

June 16, 2008

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1. Introductions

Marcella Rensi (Chair) requested introductions.

2. Minutes of April 21, 2008 PTAC Meeting

The minutes for the April 21, 2008 PTAC meeting were accepted.

3. Partnership Reports

Partnership Board - The Partnership Board meets on June 27, 2008.

Transit Finance Working Group (TFWG) – *Todd Morgan, Chair* – The TFWG met on June 4, 2008. Highlights included: 1) the Transit Capital Priorities (TCP) process; 2) Proposition 1B update, the population-based share is nearly entirely claimed; and a 3) a State budget update.

Local Streets & Roads Working Group (LS&RWG)– The LS&RWG met on June 6, 2008.

Programming and Delivery Working Group (PDWG) – *Matt Todd, Chair* - PDWG met on June 16, 2008. Key topics included: 1) Caltrans' Division of Local Assistance introduced its new Sr. Environmental Planner and responded to questions regarding Federal delivery and revalidation of NEPA. Sponsors are encouraged to schedule and obtain their project field reviews as soon as possible.

Discussion Items

4. a. Transportation 2035 – Draft Investment Packages

Ashley Nguyen (MTC) provided an update on the Transportation 2035 Plan (T2035) development and stated that the process is moving into the financial portion. The trade-off discussion began in May and three investment options were presented to the Planning Committee on June 13. Staff was directed by the Planning Committee to explore Option 2, which consists of Maintenance (43%), Efficiency (21%), and Expansion (36%). Outstanding work items consist of matching up the color of money, HOT is still under development, and a project priority list for STIP/SLPP funds was requested of the congestion management agencies (CMAs). *Doug Kimsey (MTC)* reported that the estimated net toll revenues assume the HOV system is built out. Alameda, Contra Costa and Santa Clara counties are to develop the expenditure plan for HOT revenues. Group members stated that they would only be willing to consider HOT lane revenues when funds remain in the corridor.

Group members expressed concerns about the lack of identification for the color of money for Efficiency, reiterated the Commission's comments about not funding PDA and TLC through LS&R maintenance funds, and requested status on new revenue sources. *Theresa Romell (MTC)* noted that the formula for LS&R already factors in population from PDAs. In addition, several group members requested moving transit into the Efficiency wedge to maintain a state of good repair system. *Carli Paine (TALC)* presented and distributed its own proposed investment packages, which investigated moving funds from Expansion to Maintenance and incentivizing routine accommodation.

Upcoming key meetings include the Partnership Board (June 27) and Planning & Commission meetings in July where the draft preferred investment plan would be presented for review and approval.

5. Lifeline Transportation Program Guidelines and Second Cycle Funding

Therese Knudsen (MTC) summarized the proposed Lifeline Transportation Program Guidelines for the second cycle of funding, of which the comments received from the stakeholders primarily consisted of requesting additional information as opposed to changing the existing policy. Highlights include: 1) prioritizing Community Based Transportation Plans (CBTP) in the criteria; 2) incorporating a Means-Based Fare Discount Pilot Program; 3) further discussion with the Congestion Management Agencies on using the 3% planning augmentation funds for administration; 4) Guidelines for using STA funds have been restructured. The draft guidelines, with comments incorporated, are scheduled to be presented at the July 9 Programming & Allocations Committee meeting. Group members requested that the draft guidelines be distributed to the Transit Finance Working Group for review prior to the June 27 Partnership Board meeting.

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6. SB 1474 Transit Coordination Implementation Plan (TCIP) Update

Jay Stagi (MTC) provided an update on the Transit Coordination Implementation Plan (TCIP), which includes a real-time transit information data-sharing and storage policy as well as standard and guidelines for signage at regional transit hubs. Real-time compliance will be done as a course of developing themselves; however, group members felt the need for annual audits to ensure deadlines are met. Staff is collaborating with stakeholders to maintain a level of consistency for regional signage.

7. Proposed Revision to Regional STP/CMAQ Project Delivery Policy

Ross McKeown (MTC) presented the proposed revisions to the Regional STP/CMAQ Project Delivery Policy (Resolution 3606). As a result of Caltrans revising its Obligation Authority (OA) Management Policy, staff proposes to advance the submittal deadline for OA from March 1 to February 1 and the obligation deadline from May 31 to April 30 of each year, beginning in 2009. Ross summarized comments received from the various Partnership groups.

Information Items / Other Business

8. TIP Amendment Update

Sri Srinivasan (MTC) reported that TIP Amendment 07-25 is being finalized and is expected to go to the Commission in June. Project sponsors were advised that all 2007 amendments needs to be amended into the 2009 TIP as well.

9. P-TAP Round 10 Proposed Recipient List

Sri Srinivasan (MTC) presented the proposed P-TAP Round 10 recipient list stating that 61 applications totaling \$1.2B were received with only \$800M available. Local contributions must be received by July 3, otherwise the grant will be redirected to the next applicant on the list.

10. Nominations and Election for Annual Vice-Chair Position to PTAC

Marcella Rensi ended her term as Chair of PTAC as of the conclusion of the June 16 meeting. Vice-Chair, Ben Tripousis will move to the Chair position for FY 2008-09. Nominations were received from the group for Vice-Chair and Margurite Fuller (San Francisco Municipal Transit Agency) was elected as Vice-Chair for the FY 2008-09 term.

11. Recommended Future Agenda Items

Proposed Next Meeting:

Monday, July 21, 2008

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

MetroCenter, 1st Floor, Auditorium

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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