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COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, July 23, 2008

Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium
101 Eighth Street
Oakland, CA 94607

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Chair Dodd called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. In addition to Chair Dodd, the following Commissioners were present: Ammiano, Azumbrado, Bates, Chu, Cortese, Giacomini, Glover, Haggerty, Halsted, Kinsey, Lempert, Rubin, Sartipi, Spering, Tissier, Worth and Yeager.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Dodd presented the Chair's report to the Commission. Chair Dodd introduced new City of Santa Rosa Mayor John Sawyer, who in turn made an announcement about this year's 50th Birthday of Santa Rosa CityBus.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Steve Heminger presented the Executive Director's report to the Commission. Copies of the report are available from the Executive Office.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Commission unanimously approved the following items on the Consent Calendar:

- Minutes of the Commission meeting of June 25, 2008.

Administration Committee

- Resolution No. 3867 – Traffic Congestion Relief Act Funds.

Programming and Allocations Committee

- Resolution No. 3606, Revised – Revised Regional Project Delivery Policy for the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA).
- Resolution Nos. 3652, Revised and 3863, Revised – RM2 Proposed Capital and Operating Allocations..
- Resolution No. 3755, Revised – 2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 2007-26.
- Resolution Nos. 3850, Revised, and 3851, Revised – Allocation of \$29.7 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.*

Planning Committee

- Resolution No. 1481, Revised – EIR Mitigation Monitoring Reporting*

Draft MTC Standing Committee Minutes

Draft Committee minutes of the following standing committees were presented for information only; they were provided as background information for items that were being taken up by the full Commission.

- Draft Minutes of the Administration Committee Meeting – July 9, 2008..
- Draft Minutes of the Programming & Allocations Committee Meeting – July 9, 2008..
- Draft Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting – July 11, 2008..
- Draft Minutes of the Legislation Committee Meeting – July 11, 2008..

Draft MTC Advisory Committee Minutes

Draft Advisory Committee minutes were presented for Commission information only.

- Minutes of the Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee Meeting – July 3, 2008.
- Minutes of the Minority Citizens Advisory Meeting – July 8, 2008.
- Minutes of the Advisory Council Meeting – July 9, 2008.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programming & Allocations Committee – Tissier

The Commission unanimously approved the following:

- Resolution No. 3385, Revised – Revision to Regional Express Bus Program to reassign 11 of SamTrans buses purchased for SamTrans through the TCRP Program to AC Transit, WestCAT, Fairfield/Suisun Transit, and NCTPA.
- Resolution Nos. 3810, Revised, 3820 Revised and 3845, Revised – FY 2008-09 Fund Estimate Revision. The 2008-09 Fund Estimate is being revised to reflect year-end revenue receipts for FY 2007-08 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Assembly Bill (AB) 1107 and transit related bridge toll funds. MTC Resolution No. 3810 is being revised to account for required rescissions.
- Resolution No. 3860 – Lifeline Transportation Program Guidelines and Second Cycle Funding for FY 2009-2011. This item includes guidelines and authorization for \$75 million in funding for the second-cycle of the Lifeline Transportation Program.
- Resolution No. 3865 – FTA Section 5310 Elderly and Disabled Specialized Transit Program FY 2007-08 Regional Priorities.

Planning Committee – Sperring

- Resolution No. 3868 — Approve Transportation 2035 Financially Constrained Investment Program and HOT Network Implementation Objectives.

The Commission received public comment from the following:

- Dr. Scott Gee, MD, Kaiser Permanente – spoke in support of Resolution No. 3868.
- John Ristow, VTA – spoke in support of Resolution No. 3868.
- Rick Theis, Sebastopol, Sonoma County Leadership Institute for Ecology and the Economy – asked that MTC really consider redirecting funds to help the public to walk more and use public transit.
- Jessica Diaz, Accountable Development Coalition – spoke in support of automobile independence and use transit alternatives.
- Karla Perez-Cordero – spoke in Support of Resolution No. 3868.
- Nora Cody, Safe Routes to Schools Alameda County Partnership – spoke in support of Resolution No. 3868.
- Nancy Baer, Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiatives – spoke in support of Resolution No. 3868.
- Bob Prentice – Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative – spoke in support of Resolution No. 3868.
- Carli Paine – TALC – spoke in support of Resolution No. 3868.

- Stuart Cohen – TALC – spoke in support of Resolution No. 3868.
- Norman Rolfe, San Francisco – spoke in opposition of Resolution No. 3868.
- Terry Shoaff, Contra Costa Council & The East Bay Economic Development Alliance – spoke in support of Resolution No. 3868.
- Peter Hudson, representing Hale Zukas – spoke in opposition of Resolution No. 3868.
- Jerry Cauthen, Regional Alliance for Transit – spoke in opposition of Resolution No. 3868.
- Dennis Fay, Alameda County Congestion Management Agency – spoke in support of Resolution No. 3868.
- Dave Campbell – East Bay Bicycle Coalition – spoke in support of Resolution No. 3868.
- Robert Macaulay, Solano Transportation Authority – spoke in support of HOT Lanes Principles & TLC.
- Stephanie Reyes, Greenbelt Alliance – spoke in support of Resolution No. 3868.
- Robert Raburn, East Bay Bicycle Coalition – spoke in support of Resolution No. 3868 and urged MTC to expand bicycle facilities.
- Christine Culver – Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition Network - spoke in support of Resolution No. 3868 and urged MTC to expand bicycle facilities.
- Thomas Ayres, BABC - spoke in support of Resolution No. 3868 and urged MTC to fund regional bike plan and safe routes.
- David Schonbrunn – spoke in opposition of Resolution No. 3868.
- Andy Thornley, SF Bicycle Coalition and Transportation & Land Use Coalition – spoke in support Resolution No. 3868.
- Craig Thomas Yates, Vice President Marin County Committee on Disabilities – spoke in support of Resolution No. 3868.
- Andy Katz, Breathe California – spoke in support of Resolution No. 3868 and MTC consideration of the climate change policy.
- Lou Penning – spoke in support of the regional bike plan and safe bike route to schools.
- Diana Dorensen – spoke in support of Resolution No. 3868.
- Bob Allen, Urban Habitat – spoke in support of bike path and the TLC program – and emphasized on MTC consideration of the TALC recommendation list.
- Lynn Conley, Friends of AC Transit – spoke in support of the TALC suggested list and asked MTC to increase funds for the bicycle programs.
- Sabrina Merlo, Bay Area Bicycle Coalition – support of the TALC list and support of the \$32 Billion in discretionary funds.
- Dave Snyder, SPUR – spoke to ask MTC to examine more closely the financially constrained investment program.

The Commission unanimously approved Resolution No. 3868. Staff was directed to provide performance information on certain projects to the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

- Resolution No. 3869 – Approve T-2035 Program EIR Project and Alternatives.

The Commission received public comment from the following:

- David Schonbrunn, TRANSDEF - Spoke in opposition of the T2035 Program EIR Project and Alternatives as presented, he urged MTC to study emission reduction alternatives as the method of evaluating the impact of all of these highway expansion projects.
- Stuart Cohen, TALC – Spoke in support of Resolution No. 3869.

The Commission unanimously approved Resolution No. 3869 - after receipt of public comment.

Legislation Committee – Rubin

The Commission unanimously approved the following positions for pending legislation:

- Support of AB 2368 (Fuentes) – CalWORKS eligibility; motor vehicle asset limits.
- Ratify Support and Seek Amendments of AB 2558 (Feuer) – greenhouse gas mitigation fee.
- Ratify Oppose of SB 303 (Ducheny) – Local government: land-use planning scenarios.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

- Commissioner Dorene Giacopini – reminded Commissioners of the Ed Roberts Campus Ground Breaking Ceremony on September 4th, Ashby BART Station in Berkeley, CA.

There being no further business or public comment, Commission Chair Dodd adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 24, 2008, in Oakland, California.

Bill Dodd, Chair