

PARTNERSHIP TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC) MINUTES

September 15, 2008

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1. Introductions

Ben Tripousis (Chair) requested introductions.

2. Minutes of June 16, 2008 PTAC Meeting

The minutes for the June 16, 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 September 3, 2008. MTC staff presented the New Freedom Program 2nd Cycle recommendations.

Local Streets & Roads Working Group (LS&RWG) – *Ben Tripousis, City of San Jose* - The LS&RWG met on September 12, 2008. The CCCTA sent a letter and met with the Regional Water Quality Control Board to express concerns regarding its proposed Municipal Regional Permit (MRP). Jurisdictions are advised to monitor the potential impact that may result with the proposed MRP.

Programming and Delivery Working Group (PDWG) – *Kenneth Kao, MTC* - PDWG met on September 15, 2008. Key topics included: 1) Standard programming updates, 2) potential issues of FY 2008-09 programming delivery, 3) Federal and State Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS/SR2S) updates, and 4) Caltrans updates.

Discussion Items

4. a. Transportation 2035 (T2035) – HOT Network Status

Carolyn Clevenger (MTC) provided an update on the Regional HOT Network stating that staff is proceeding with parallel efforts. Phase III of the HOT Lane Study focuses on refining design and cost and potential revenues. Legislation in 2009 will bring forth partner concerns and codify the guidelines as a whole.

4. b. Transportation 2035 (T2035) – Phase III Outreach

Ellen Griffin (MTC) discussed Phase III outreach for T2035. The Draft T2035 Plan is expected to be released in mid-December and will be presented to the Partnership Working Groups throughout December and to PTAC in December and January.

5. Next Steps for FOCUS

Ken Kirkey (ABAG) summarized the next steps for FOCUS. Twelve applications were received for the second cycle call for projects which ended on September 12, 2008. The plan will be moving in implementation in the fall and work should commence in November/December. Region wide, there was ~\$470M in application requests and ~\$140M was awarded for infrastructure projects only.

James Corless (MTC) discussed staff recommendations for the next steps in Focus-growth and transit-oriented development, including: 1) rework TLC guidelines, 2) work with partners to consider a broader range of discretionary funding programs, 3) work with partners to develop a framework for providing comments on local development projects of regional significance, 4) develop an ambitious 2009 State legislative agenda for supporting FOCUS, including new financing, 5) develop a technical assistance program, and 6) develop a joint work plan between MTC and ABAG for FY2008-09.

6. Overview of the Transit Capital Priorities Discussion

Anne Richman (MTC) provided an overview of the Transit Capital Priorities (TCP) Policy stating that current policy applies to FY2008-09 funds with the proposed revisions to be effective FY 2009-10 through FY 2013-14. Preliminary data received indicates the following: 1) projects caps are needed, 2) the need to increase project financing or local contributions from operators, and 3) flexible and ADA set-aside funds to help with needs (redirecting all or part of the funds). Policy discussions began in June and are expected to conclude in February 2009 with the call for projects in February. The final proposed policy will be presented to the Commission in March for approval. The plan assumes the new Federal Act will not change dramatically.

7. Legislative Report

Randy Rentschler (MTC) reported that the 2009 State Budget was scheduled to pass the Senate on September 15 and then move through the Assembly, which is expected to have revisions. The proposed budget is not good for transit

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and proposes \$406M to be split between PTA and STA. Randy advised that the amount is expected to be revised by the Governor. There is a proposed trailer bill for freight that will codify in statute what the CTC did in terms of funding. The State Local Partnership Program is expected to pass; however, due to the haste in its development, jurisdictions should expect a lot of revisions to the program in FY 2009-2010. Transit lost \$1.4B and the FY 2009-10 is expected to be worse. Staff recommended to the partners to begin strategizing for solutions to avoid the annual raid on transportation funds.

Information Items / Other Business

8. TIP Amendment Update

Sri Srinivasan (MTC) reported that TIP Amendments 07-25 through 07-28 have been approved. The current TIP and subsequent TIP Amendments are available online at: <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/tip>.

9. Draft 2009 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) – Request for Public Comment

Sri Srinivasan (MTC) reported that Caltrans is seeking comment on its Draft 2009 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). The public comment period closes on September 20, 2008 and comments should be directed to Joanne McDermott (Caltrans) at joanne.mcdermott@dot.ca.gov.

10. California Statewide Needs Assessment

Margot Yapp (Nichols Consulting Engineers, Inc.) presented an overview of the California Statewide Needs Assessment along with preliminary recommendations. The assessment is designed to assist in determining the amount of funds needed for transportation infrastructure. The final report is expected to be presented to the Governor in spring 2009. Committee comments included changing the term “non-pavement assets” to “pedestrian infrastructure”.

11. Recommended Future Agenda Items

Proposed Next Meeting:

Monday, October 20, 2008

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

MetroCenter, 1st Floor, Auditorium

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