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COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium
101 Eighth Street
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MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Chair Dodd called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. In addition to Chair Dodd, the following Commissioners were present: Ammiano, Azumbrado, Bates, Chu, Cortese, Giacopini, Glover, Haggerty, Halsted, Kinsey, Lempert, Mackenzie, Rubin, Spering, Tissier, and Worth.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Dodd presented the Chair's report to the Commission. He introduced the City of Rohnert Park Mayor Jake Mackenzie new Commissioner to MTC representing the Cities and County of Sonoma. Commissioner Mackenzie fills the vacancy left by late Commissioner Bob Blanchard. Commissioner Mackenzie will serve on the BATA Oversight Committee; the Administration Committee; and the Programming and Allocations Committee.

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 and or www.mtc.ca.gov.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- Minutes of the Commission meeting of July 23, 2008.

Programming and Allocations Committee

- Resolution Nos. 3819, Revised, 3664, Revised and 3722, Revised – Allocation of \$4.9 million in Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Capital funds to the City of Vallejo for the Vallejo Station Intermodal project and to the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency for the I-580 HOV Improvement project, and a change to a project condition.

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 – September 10, 2008.
- Draft Minutes of the Programming & Allocations Committee Meeting – September 10, 2008.
- Draft Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting – September 12, 2008.
- Draft Minutes of the Legislation Committee Meeting – September 12, 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 – September 4, 2008.
- Minutes of the Minority Citizens Advisory Meeting – September 9, 2008.
- Minutes of the Advisory Council Meeting – September 10, 2008.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programming & Allocations Committee – Tissier

The Commission unanimously approved the following:

- Resolution No. 3871 – New Freedom Program of Projects awards large urbanized area New Freedom grants to nine competitively selected projects totaling \$1.6 million, and the prioritization of five projects totaling \$0.6 million for submittal to the statewide competition for small urbanized area New Freedom funds.
- Resolution Nos. 3849, Revised, 3850, Revised and 3851, Revised – Allocation of FY 2008-09 Transportation Development Act (TDA) State Transit Assistance (STA) and Assembly Bill 1107 funds to various claimants for transit capital and operating purposes. The Commission approved the following allocations: \$139 million in TDA funds, \$1 million in STA funds and \$34 million in AB 1107 funds.
- Resolution No. 3863, Revised – Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Proposed Operating Allocations. The Commission approved \$2.5 million in operating funds to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) for the T-Third light rail service; and additional RM@ operating funds totaling \$1.9 million for the Vallejo ferry service for FY 208-09.

- Resolution No. 3434, Revised – 2008 Strategic Plan. In June 2008, MTC released for public review and comment the draft 2008 Resolution 3434 Strategic Plan to provide a framework for successful program and project delivery. One change that was incorporated since the Committee action was a revision to the anticipated regional State Local Partnership funding based on the enactment of SB 1073/AB 268. Attachment C to the resolution was revised to note that \$66 million is estimated for this funding source instead of the original \$75 million. Because staff had recommended that the balance, after committing \$40 million to the BART to Warm Springs project, would be left in an unrestricted reserve, the amount estimated for the reserve now stands at \$26 million, rather than the original \$35 million. Further, in March 2009, staff will provide a project update that includes project status, results from November 2008 transportation-related ballot measures, and reassessment of the Dumbarton Rail project funding plan based on updated information. The Commission approved the adoption of the 2008 Strategic Plan and companion changes to Resolution 3434 with Commissioner Lempert dissenting. Please note Commissioner Cortese reclused himself from the vote.

Legislation Committee – Rubin

The Commission unanimously approved the following positions for pending legislation:

- Support of Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century – (State Prop. 1A) – A high-speed rail bond measure to link the Bay Area with the Central Valley and Southern California.
- Support of Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Sales Tax (Measure B) - A permanent, 1/8-cent, 30-year sales tax dedicated to pay operating and maintenance costs associated with extending BART into Santa Clara County.
- Support of Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit Sales Tax (Measure Q) - A 1/4-cent sales tax for construction and operation of a 70-mile passenger rail system and connecting bicycle/pedestrian pathway.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

- Mr. Bob Planthold – addressed Commissioners about suggestions to Commission membership and lines of communication between staff, advisory committee members, and the Commission.

There being no further business or public comment, Commission Chair Dodd adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22, 2008, in Oakland, California.

Bill Dodd, Chair