

PARTNERSHIP TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC) MINUTES

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1. Introductions

Ben Tripousis (Chair) requested introductions.

2. Minutes of September 15, 2008 PTAC Meeting

The minutes for the September 15, 2008 PTAC meeting were accepted.

3. Partnership Reports

Partnership Board - The Partnership Board meets on November 10, 2008.

Transit Finance Working Group (TFWG) – *Todd Morgan, Chair* – The TFWG met on October 1, 2008. The group discussed the Transit Capital Priorities (TCP) Policy.

Local Streets & Roads Working Group (LS&RWG) –The LS&RWG meets on November 7, 2008.

Programming and Delivery Working Group (PDWG) – *Kenneth Kao, MTC* - PDWG met on October 27, 2008. Key topics included: 1) Caltrans staff clarified oversight for deobligations, 2) The FY 2008-09 Annual Obligation Plan, 3) Federal and State programs updates including CMIA, TCIF, SLPP and TCRP.

Discussion Items

4. Legislative Update

Rebecca Long (MTC) reported that both Congress and the Assembly are out of session. Rebecca updated the Committee on: 1) Prop 42, stating that funding is being revisited and could still be suspended; 2) the proposed Economic Stimulus Package; and, 3) SB 375 implementation.

5. Transportation 2035 (T2035):

a. Building the Momentum for Change

Lisa Klein (MTC) presented the Draft T2035 Performance Evaluation results against the performance objectives adopted by the Commission. The assumptions are as follow: 1) reduce CO₂ emissions was amended to 40% lower than 1990 levels; 2) reduce VMT per person to 10% below today's levels; 3) reduce congestion 20% below today's levels; 4) reduce by 10% the share of income by lower- and moderate-low-income households on transportation and housing combined; 5) for local street & road maintenance, decrease mileage in poor condition to no more than 13% (or 2/3 of the objective); and, 6) for transit maintenance, decrease average age of all assets to 50% of useful life (or ¼ of the objective).

Ashley Nguyen (MTC) led a discussion on what specific bold actions that the region should pursue beyond the financially constrained plan that help to build the momentum to change to meet Plan targets. Staff sought the Partnership's input on the following questions:

- **Fix It Finally:** How can we eliminate the \$40B maintenance backlog? Comments included protecting the Spillover funds by folding them into Prop 42; apply more funding toward a more rapid fleet replacement to free up maintenance for those that need it most; understand that current ZEB/Fuel Cell bus, as well as electric trolley's are not a 1:1 swap with maintenance costs; investigate further into "Pennies for Potholes" or an economic stimulus package; and, focus on self-help and self-reliance.
- **Transit Performance Initiative:** Should transit agencies study/ implement measures? Committee members felt that a Transit Efficiency Study (TES) would not resolve the current shortfall crisis and would make a negative impact on already strained resources for smaller operators. Members felt that there needs to be a sustainability plan that transit operators must agree upon to make an impact and that should a TES be a requirement for funding, then MTC should provide planning funds to augment the study.
- **Green Commute/ Green Parking Pilot:** Should the region launch a "Green Commute/ Green Parking" pilot for employers and multi-unit residential developers? San Francisco's

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“Commuter Benefit Ordinance” and MTC’s “Translink for TOD” models are being considered. Committee members felt that the Regional Guaranteed Ride Home Program should be considered; there’s a need to address the reluctance on city planners to reduce parking requirements; subsidizing commuters to take transit and removing parking availability might be a better solution; and, a toolbox of options should be considered.

- Zero Emission Vehicles: Should the Bay Area’s local governments lead the way by moving to green vehicles? Comments included considering construction dump vehicles; review maintenance needs as maintenance costs can double; car sharing should be promoted; and Santa Clara VTA expressed its support for the ZEB program
- Shape New Federal Transportation Bill: How can our region influence the debate on new federal transportation policies to further Transportation 2035 goals? Partnership comments included: 1) bringing transit up to a state of good repair as part of reauthorization; 2) resolve road pricing and FOCUS growth and revenue shortfalls as well as focus on new revenue sources; 3) implement congestion pricing strategies; 4) the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission report would be the best opportunity to shape a new Federal Transportation Bill; and 5) focus on incentivizing PDAs.

Future stakeholder discussions are scheduled for the Partnership Board (11/10) and the Planning Commission (11/14). Additional comments should be directed to Ashley Nguyen at anguyen@mtc.ca.gov.

b. Update on Transit Capital and Operating Projections

Glen Tepke (MTC) provided an update on Transit Capital and Operating Projections for T2035, detailing the revisions since its last review in March 2008. Revisions to the projections have changed the capital shortfall from \$21.6 B to \$23.6B and a Score 16 shortfall from \$12.2B to \$13.2B, respectively. MTC staff is seeking comment on the assignment of spillover revenues. Staff proposes to direct any revenue-based spillover for an operator in the following priority order: 1) to cover any project operating shortfalls, 2) to cover non-score 16 capital rehabilitation shortfalls, and 3) to unassigned reserve. Comments should be submitted to Glen Tepke.

6. Revised Lifeline Transportation Program Guidelines and Fund Estimate

Therese Knudsen (MTC) distributed the revised 2nd Cycle Lifeline Transportation Program guidelines and fund estimate, stating that the guidelines have not changed. Proposed 2nd Cycle Lifeline projects are due to MTC by November 7. Sponsors can submit proposed projects to the CMAs and MTC for forwarding to Caltrans by the deadline, or advance projects to April.

7. Proposition 1B Update: Transit and Transit Security Accounts

Kenneth Folan (MTC) reported that Caltrans and the State Controller’s Office have issued guidelines, allocation request forms and funding amounts for FY 2008-09 PTMISEA allocations. Population-based funds allocation request forms as well as combined population-based and revenue-based funds forms are due to MTC by November 7. Revenue-based funds allocation request forms are due directly to Caltrans by November 30.

Kenneth reported that the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security (OHS) and the State Controller’s Office have released guidelines and allocation amounts for FY 2008-09 Proposition 1B – California Transit Security Grant Program. Agencies should submit project description and funding information to MTC by December 12 and Investment Justification to OHS by January 21. The MTC Commission is expected to adopt the final program of projects and forward to OHS on January 28.

Information Items / Other Business

8. TIP Amendment Update

Ross McKeown (MTC) reported that the tentative 2009 TIP Revision Schedule is included in the packet. The current TIP and subsequent TIP Amendments are available online at: <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/tip>.

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9. Final FFY2008-09 STP/CMAQ Annual Obligation Plan and Funding Status

Ross McKeown (MTC) presented the final proposed FFY2008-09 STP/CMAQ Annual Obligation Plan for review and provided a funding status update stating that FY2008-09 will be extremely challenging in both the delivery and availability of STP/CMAQ funding as it is the final year of SAFETEA. MTC programs the region's STP/CMAQ funding to apportionment; therefore, sponsors are encouraged to obligate projects as early as possible.

10. End of Year STIP Allocation Listing for FY 2007-08

Ross McKeown (MTC) presented the end of year STIP allocation listing for FY 2007-08 for review.

11. Recommended Future Agenda Items

Proposed Next Meeting:

Monday, November 17, 2008

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

MetroCenter, 1st Floor, Auditorium

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