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MINORITY CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes – November 20, 2008

Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by Carlos Romero of San Mateo County, acting as chair. Those in attendance were: Jacquee Castain and Carlos Castellanos of Alameda County; Michael Rubiano of Contra Costa County; Charles Rivasplata of Marin County; Gerald Rico of Napa County; William Allen of San Mateo County; Michael Lopez of Santa Clara County; Dawn Love, Low Income Representative; and Michael D'Augelli, Native American Representative.

Chair James McGhee of San Francisco County, Vice Chair Darnell Turner of Contra Costa County and Raphael Durr of Marin County were excused.

MTC staff in attendance included Catalina Alvarado, James Corless, Pam Grove, Therese Knudsen, Georgia Lambert and Rebecca Long. Bob Planthold, Advisory Council Chair, was also in attendance.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the October 14, 2008 meeting were approved.

Chair's Report

In the absence of the chair and vice chairs, there was no report.

MCAC Member Reports

There was no report from appointees to the Advisory Council.

Nominations for Officers

Ms. Grove announced that Mr. Castellanos was appointed by Chair McGhee as the Nominating Committee chair; other committee members are Mr. D'Augelli and Ms. Love. James McGhee and Carlos Romero were nominated for 2009 chair, and Carlos Castellanos was nominated for 2009 vice chair. Nominations remain open until the election at MCAC's December 9 meeting; further nominations may be made by contacting a member of the Nominating Committee or Ms. Grove or from the floor at the December 9 meeting.

Draft 2009 Legislative Program

Rebecca Long, MTC legislative analyst, provided an overview of subjects currently under discussion for inclusion in the 2009 Legislative Program. She stated that the California state budget currently has an \$11 billion deficit and the governor is proposing cuts in transit service by \$230 million out of \$306 million. Mr. Romero inquired how those proposed cuts would affect Lifeline. Ms. Knudsen, MTC planner, said there is \$13 million in STA funds from the 2007-2008 budget, but there would be big cuts (75 percent) to Lifeline funds already committed – the impact would be felt on future grants. James Corless, senior planner, added that Transportation 2035 would also be affected by proposed cuts. Bob Planthold reported that he had attended a meeting in Sacramento where it was indicated that \$100 million may be available from the federal government for transit, per Senator Reid, Senate Majority Leader, with a \$100,000 minimum grant.

MTC's highest priority subjects for the California legislature are Items 1A and 1B, 2 and 3, as noted in the 2009 Legislative Program attachment with Agenda Item 6.

Transportation 2035 Equity Analysis Initial Results

Mr. Castellanos, Transportation 2035 subcommittee chair, said that the Equity Analysis subcommittee will meet on Dec. 2 to draft comments on the preliminary Equity Analysis results. The comments will be presented for approval by MCAC on December 9 and then forwarded to the Planning Committee on December 12. Mr. Corless (who filled in for Jennifer Yeaman, who was ill) presented the initial results of the Transportation 2035 Equity Analysis. He reminded the committee that the purpose of the Transportation 2035 Equity Analysis is to evaluate whether the Bay Area's low-income and minority communities of concern share equitably in the benefits of the Transportation 2035 Plan without bearing a disproportionate share of the burdens.

Mr. Corless explained that the statistics presented in the Preliminary Results report (the attachment with Agenda Item 7) provide the data, and now it is time to determine what must be done, given that data. New methodology will be discussed next year for the next four-year plan. Mr. Romero asked about an activity-based model, and suggested that there are other things outside the model that can be done. Attention also needs to be paid to shift work and late-night jobs. Mr. Allen reiterated that low-income, for purposes of this report, is defined as \$79,000 per family annually. It was noted that air quality worsens in denser areas, which are typically aligned with the communities of concern.

Staff Report

Ms. Grove went over her staff report in the packet and thanked those who attended the Transportation 2035 Joint Advisor Workshop on October 24. Comments from the meeting were presented to the Planning Committee at its Nov. 14 meeting. She reminded MCAC members to complete their ethics training via the online course or at the December 17th ABAG training at the (details were available in the packet). Meeting reminders include Transportation 2035 Equity Analysis Subcommittee on Tuesday, December 2 from 2-4 p.m. in the Fishbowl Conference Room (third floor) and the High School Internship Subcommittee meeting on Tuesday, December 9 from 2:15-3 p.m. in the Rockridge Conference Room (second floor).

Other Business/Public Comment

Ms. Castain pointed out that Ms. Grove and Ms. Lambert both authored articles in the awards issue of *Transactions* in October. Ms. Love praised the awards ceremony and urged MCAC members to attend in the future. Ms. Castain said in her outreach efforts for the High School Internship program, she has found an organization in the Fruitvale district that will assist in identifying additional Latino communities, and two Native American schools have also been identified. Ms. Grove said the High School Internship subcommittee is striving to beef up the database with additional information from all the counties, and any assistance committee members can give staff is welcome.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m. Next meeting will be December 9, 2008.