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Programming and Allocations Committee
October 14, 2009
Minutes

Chair Kinsey called the meeting to order at approximately 11:15 a.m. Committee members present were: Commissioners Bates, Cortese, Daly, and Dodd. Other Commissioners present were: Chu, Giacopini, Haggerty, Halsted, Lempert, Mackenzie, Rubin, Spering, and Tissier.

Consent Calendar

The Committee approved the following consent items:

- Minutes of September 9, 2009 meeting
- 2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 09-30. MTC Resolution No. 3875, Revised
- Allocation of \$70.4 million in FY 2009-10 TDA funds to various claimants for transit operating. MTC Resolution No. 3900, Revised
- Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Semi-Annual Capital Report
- 2010 RTIP Policies and Procedures. MTC Resolution No. 3928
- Revision to the First and Second Cycle Lifeline Programs of Projects. MTC Resolution Nos. 3788, Revised and 3881, Revised
- New Freedom Third Cycle Program of Projects and Revision to the First Cycle Program of Projects. MTC Resolution Nos. 3930, and 3847, Revised
- Region Measure 2 (RM2) Operating Program Update
- Allocation of approximately \$31 million in RM2 Capital funds; and rescission of approximately \$1 million in RM2 Capital funds. MTC Resolution Nos. 3651, Revised, 3682, Revised, 3722, Revised, and 3739, Revised

The Committee also received the following report for information: Quarterly Report of Executive Director's Delegated Authority Actions

Federal

- *New Federal Act Funding Proposal. MTC Resolution No. 3925, Revised.*

Commissioner Steve Kinsey commented that, at the direction of the Committee at the September 9th meeting, a Climate Action working group was formed in which he and Chair Haggerty are serving. The first meeting of the working group was held on October 8 and a second meeting will be held on October 23. The working group is charged with further defining the Climate Program element of the New Federal Act proposal. Staff will come before the Committee on November 4 with a recommendation that incorporates the work of the working group.

Alix Bockelman, Programming and Allocations Section, presented a recommendation for the Commission to approve an increment (\$107 million) of Cycle 1 Surface Transportation Program / Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program

(STP/CMAQ) funding to allow critical on-going programs to be funded in a timely manner. The remainder of programming issues involving the determination of funding commitments to Transportation 2035 core programs and Strategic Investments will be brought back before the Committee in November for consideration.

Commissioner Kinsey asked that staff work with the CMA's to confirm the timing of getting access to planning funds, given the delay in federal authorization.

Commissioner Cortese requested that total project cost be added to the list of requested and approved Proposition 1B projects. Ms. Bockelman will follow up to provide this information.

Public Comments:

Carli Paine, TransForm, commented that they are supportive of the initial programming approach, but are concerned about the level of funding that will go to a climate action program. This is a critical priority for the region and for the agency in addressing the challenges of climate change and the challenges of meeting the SB375 targets. She expressed appreciation for being included in the working group discussions.

Commissioner Dave Cortese moved MTC Resolution No. 3925, Revised to the Commission for approval and Commissioner Haggerty seconded the motion. The Committee approved staff's recommendation to refer MTC Resolution No. 3825, Revised to the Commission for approval.

Commissioner Jon Rubin asked about the impact of SB 406 being vetoed. Mr. Heminger responded that this would mean we have an unfunded mandate since the bill would have funded the planning work.

- *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Proposed Extension of Delivery Deadlines.*

Alix Bockelman, Programming and Allocations Section, presented a request for the Commission to extend delivery deadlines to three projects: Vasco Road Safety Improvements; BART Replacement of Anodes and Anode Cables on the Transbay Tube; and SR 29 Bicycle Safety Improvements. Staff has found that the requests submitted are reasonable and will not jeopardize ARRA funds to the region.

Commissioner Tom Bates motioned to approve the request and Commissioner Haggerty seconded the motion. The Committee approved staff's recommendation for deadline extensions for project sponsors as outlined in the packet.

Regional

- *Triennial Performance Audits*

Alix Bockelman, Programming and Allocations Section, presented for information the TDA triennial performance audit results for the audit period. There will be a significant discussion on transit sustainability during the Commission workshop on October 21 and trends of operator performance will be given at that time with Mundle and Associates in attendance.

Commissioner Haggerty commented that cost disparity is significant and asked for further information about the cost breakdown to be presented at a later date.

Commissioner Kinsey commented that consolidating and restructuring the number of transit agencies should be carefully considered because there is a significant cost difference for smaller transit operators as compared to the larger transit operators and a merger of two operators is unlikely to result at the lower end of the cost spectrum.

Commissioner Giacomini commented that she would like the opportunity to look at Paratransit performance results during the upcoming Commissioner Workshop on October 21. Alix Bockelman responded that trends specific to Paratransit can be added.

California Transportation Commission Update

The Committee received, in writing, staff updates on the California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting held on September 9-10 in Long Beach.

Public Comment

Commissioner Kinsey adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:45 a.m.