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OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2009

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Chair Rein Worth convened the meeting at 10:50 a.m. In addition to Chair Rein Worth, the following

Committee members were in attendance: Vice-Chair Chu, Commissioners Azumbrado, Haggerty, Halsted, Spering, Tissier and Yeager. Also in attendance were Commissioners Bates, Cortese and Daly.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Committee members unanimously approved the following items on the consent calendar:

- Minutes of July 10, 2009 Committee Meeting;
- Contract – Data and Video Exchange for the Center to Center Project: Telvent Farradyne (\$310,000);
- TransLink<sup>®</sup> Program:
  - (i) Contract Change Order – Two Million Limited Use smart cards: Cubic Transportation System (\$900,000)
  - (ii) Agreement – TransLink<sup>®</sup> Card Issuance Pilot;
- Fourth Quarter SAFE Financial Statements;
- Contract - Embarcadero Kiosk Operations: Nematode Holdings, LLC (\$795,300);
- MTC SAFE Resolution No. 54 – SR-12 Corridor Study.

MTC SAFE Resolution No. 53, Revised – MTC SAFE FY 2009-10 Budget Amendment

Mr. Jaime Maldonado, MTC staff person, reported that the amendment includes a revenue adjustment for the FSP program, with a reduction from \$6.75 to \$6M. The second adjustment is a proposed addition of a new capital line item for call boxes in tunnel projects. Overall, the SAFE reserve is expected to have a balance of approximately \$10M at the end of the current fiscal year.

Commissioner Chu moved to refer MTC SAFE Resolution No. 53, Revised to the SAFE Authority for approval. Commissioner Cortese seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### TransLink® Fare Media Transition Plans

Ms. Melanie Crotty, Director of Traveler Coordination and Information, reported that in order for TransLink® to be successful, transit agencies cannot continue to provide paper fare products, typically passes and ticket books. Therefore, the Transition Plans were requested by staff to the transit agencies to tell us how that would happen. Staff asked Golden Gate and AC Transit to tell us how they could do it within one year of the notice, which was in June. MTA, BART, and CalTrain said that they would like to see how they could do it within two years. Staff felt that the timeline was reasonable, and wanted to hear what their thoughts were. She noted that as part of the contract assignment, staff agreed to \$20M transaction benchmark in the contract per month. Until staff receive 20M transactions per month, staff we pay a transaction guarantee of \$100,000 per month. Ms. Crotty presented Committee members with a slide presentation, which showed some modeling to project how staff thought the market penetration would occur. Staff has since heard from the transit agencies that they are concerned about MTC using an old model. She noted that one of the actions that need to be taken is to update the model.

Ms. Crotty introduced Ms. Dory Dugger of BART, Mr. Joe Wire of Golden Gate Transit, Ms. Kathleen Kelly of AC Transit, Ms. Rita Haskins of CalTrain, and Mr. Carter Rohann of SFMTA. Each of the respective representatives gave brief presentations of their agency's transition plans.

### Bay Area Ramp Metering Status Report

Mr. Albert Yee, Director of Highway and Arterial Operations, reported that at the time of the adaption of the RTP, only 18% of the on-ramps on the Bay Area freeway systems were metered. Since then, there are now 24% of the on-ramps are metered. Staff has implemented the metering on some of the most congested corridors of the region. Ms. Joanna Fox, MTC staff person, gave a brief description of all of the newly activated ramp meters on Bay Area freeway. She noted that after ramp metering activation, travel times were reduced by 33%, and freeway throughput was increased by 16%. Ms. Fox stated that during the next months, meters on 22 on ramps will be activated during the evening peak period on southbound 101. By the end of the year, staff plan to activate an additional 6 meters along southbound I-880 between Milpitas and US 101 in San Jose. Also in spring of 2010, construction will begin on 3 new ramp metering projects including two corridors in San Jose, and 1 corridor in Daly City. These projects will add another 24 meters to the system. Once all of the planned meters are added and activated, it will bring the total activate ramp meters to 30% in the Bay Area, compared to 18%.

Commissioner Haggerty asked if staff could look into setting up a toll enforcement agency to deal will ramp metering violators. Commissioner Spring responded that CHP does not have the resources to provide enforcement for ramp metering violators. Commissioner Spring suggested that staff provide funding to CHP to enforce ramp metering violators.

### PUBLIC COMMENT/OTHER BUSINESS/ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Andrew Casteel of BABC, and Ms. Carli Pain of TransForm expressed their concerns regarding ramp metering.

There being no further business, Chairperson Rein Worth adjourned the meeting at 12:05 a.m.

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