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MTC Advisory Council
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Minutes

Cathy Jackson called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m. In attendance were members Wendy Alfsen, Paul Cohen, Raphael Durr, Rita Foti, David Grant, Mary Griffin, William Hastings, Richard Hedges, Julio Lacayo, Sherman Lewis, Xiao-Yun Lu, James McGhee, Eli Naor, Margaret Okuzumi, Bob Planthold, and Don Rothblatt. Commissioner Giacomini was also in attendance.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Staff Report

Ms. Jennifer Yeamans mentioned that the recently approved state budget would not impact MTC's activities. She also noted that the FY 2010 federal budget will maintain current funding levels. She reminded members of the Bay Bridge closure during the Labor Day weekend.

Minutes of June 10, 2009 and July 8, 2009

The minutes were unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Hedges and a second by Mr. Planthold.

**Report from the Minority Citizens Advisory Committee (MCAC);
Report from the Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee
(EDAC)**

There was no report from MCAC.

Mr. Grant reported that EDAC did not meet in August.

Legislative Update

There was no legislative update report.

Land Use Subcommittee Recommendations for TLC 2.0 Program

Mr. Naor presented the Land Use Subcommittee's recommendations for the TLC 2.0 program, which had been previously presented at the July 8 meeting and were not approved due to lack of quorum.

Member comment:

- What mechanism should be employed to take the recommendations to the Commission?
- Bring recommendations to the Planning Committee.
- Mr. Lewis noted that he has an item on the agenda for the Planning Committee meeting in September.
- Ms. Yeamans noted there are different options, for example a one-page memo to be included in the Planning Committee's packet, or it can be presented during the comment period during the Planning Committee meetings.
- Commissioner Giacomini asked if there was a problem getting things agendaized.
- Working with Ms. Yeamans is the best option.
- Increasing grant size important for getting the attention of local communities.
- Important to be clear during the presentation to the Commissioners where the money is going to come from.
- Important to have dialogue with staff on advancing the recommendations.
- Present Mr. Lewis's item and the TLC 2.0 item together.
- Both presenters should work with Ms. Yeamans outside of the meeting.

Mr. Hedges moved approval to support both recommendations. Ms. Alfsen seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Proposed TOD Policy from EDAC

Mr. Hedges asked for the Committee's support to bring a proposed MTC

policy regarding accessibility and inhabitability in Transit Oriented Developments (TODs) that receive funding from MTC. The policy was approved by the Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee at their July 2nd meeting. The item will come before the Commission in September or October.

Member comment:

- Definition of inhabitable? It is a HUD term.
- Is the policy meant to include all disabilities? The intent is to remedy developer's desire to exclude people with disabilities from TODs
- Why does the policy only includes townhomes? Townhomes are the only loophole currently present in the law.

Mr. Planthold moved to support the policy. Ms. Okuzumi seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

New Surface Transportation Act: STP/CMAQ Programming Update

Craig Goldblatt of MTC staff presented a preliminary proposal on the programming priorities for the next federal transportation authorization bill.

Member comment:

- Is the Commission considering backloading funding of TLC for five years? Yes, staff is recommending providing more funding once the program is well established, rather than when it is first being implemented.

Due to the Joint Advisors meeting, additional questions were tabled for the next Advisory Council meeting. Members could e-mail comments and questions to Mr. Goldblatt for follow-up in September.

Other Business/Public Comment/Announcements

There was no other business. The next meeting of the Advisory Council is scheduled for September 9, 2009. The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.