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Legislation Committee
September 11, 2009
Minutes

Vice Chair Yeager called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. Committee members in attendance: Azumbrado, Chu, Haggerty, Halsted, Lempert, Spering, Tissier, and Rein-Worth. Also in attendance: Commissioners Bates and Cortese.

Due to a lack of time, Vice Chair Yeager announced that the Advisory Committee Review item would be heard at next month's committee meeting.

Minutes of the Committee's July 10, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Commissioner Rein-Worth, and a second by Commissioner Chu.

Legislative History

Rebecca Long of MTC staff explained that AB 1175 (Torlakson), the Antioch and Dumbarton Bridges seismic retrofit bill, awaits the Governor's signature. She noted that the authority for the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) to place regional measures on the ballot without approval by the legislature was removed from the bill.

Other bills of interest to the Commission on the Governor's desk include SB 83 (Hancock), formerly SB 205, SB 406 (DeSaulnier), and AB 338 (Ma). SB 83 would authorize CMAs to place up to a \$10 vehicle registration fee on the ballot for transportation improvements and environmental mitigation from motor vehicles. SB 406 would authorize a \$2 vehicle registration fee for funding SB 375 (Steinberg, 2008) implementation. AB 338 would authorize tax increment financing for transit oriented developments.

AB 744 (Torricco) Update

Ms. Long reported that AB 744 (Torricco), the Bay Area express lane network bill, has become a two-year bill. She noted that despite early momentum, opposition emerged from the Caltrans engineers' union and several statewide environmental organizations as stated in the memo.

Tom Bulger's Report

The report from MTC's advocate in Washington, D.C. was received by the committee.

Other Business/Public Comment/Adjourn

There was no other business or public comment. The next Committee meeting was scheduled for October 9, 2009. The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.