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MTC Advisory Council
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Minutes

Cathy Jackson called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. In attendance were members Wendy Alfsen, Paul Cohen, Rita Foti, David Grant, William Hastings, Richard Hedges, Sherman Lewis, Xiao-Yun Lu, Eli Naor, Michael Pechner, Bob Planthold, and Don Rothblatt.

Public Comment

No public comment.

SFpark Program Overview

Mr. Jay Primus from the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) presented an overview of MTA's SFpark program.

Committee Comment:

- Has the Port Commission done anything to show how extended hours affect businesses? Response: Nothing has been said
- How will this impact levels of enforcement and PCO staffing? Response: There is a commitment to have a dedicated squad of parking control officers – 300 PCOs in the city, and 30 dedicated to SFpark areas.
- Is money being lost by discouraging people with money or business people from coming into the city? Will the impact on revenue be positive or negative? Response: They are trying to change the perception of parking in San Francisco – that it is more convenient.
- What kind of sensors are being used? Response: They are looking at sensors and other alternatives, leaving accuracy standards to the contractors.

- How were experimental and control areas chosen? Response: Chosen in cooperation with US DOT and academia advisory committee.

Staff Report

Ms. Jennifer Yeamans noted that the committee is in receipt of the draft Resolution going to the Legislation committee about the Advisory committee restructuring proposal. She noted that it does propose that the current advisors' terms be extended through March 2010, while MTC is doing the recruitment process for the new committee.

She also noted that some public hearings regarding the proposed bridge toll increases will take place in San Mateo on November 17, 2009, and another in Concord on December 3, 2009.

Lastly, she stated that on Thursday, November 12, 2009 there will be a Focus Forum on "Parks in our Communities". It will be held at BCDC at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes of September 9, 2009 and October 14, 2009

Mr. Bob Planthold moved approval, Mr. Rich Hedges seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. James McGhee reported on the MCAC topics. He stated that the High School Internship Program subcommittee met, where they expressed concern on the future of the program under the new proposed committee structure. He also noted that the Equity Analysis subcommittee discussed the staff presentation to November Planning Committee.

Mr. David Grant reported on the EDAC topics, which included the legislation report, TLC scoring, and STP/CMAQ. He noted that four subcommittee meetings met before and after EDAC.

Legislative Update

Ms. Rebecca Long presented the draft 2010 Legislative Program, which highlights MTC's state and federal legislative priorities for 2010.

Committee comment:

- SB375 Implementation – will deadlines simply be extended if this is an unfunded mandate? What happens if SB406 doesn't pass?
Response: The second version of SB406 was vetoed by the Governor. ABAG may not have a lot of resources to do additional planning, but the big MPO's are going to meet the deadlines.

TLC Scoring Criteria

Ms. Therese Trivedi presented draft scoring criteria for the Transportation for Livable Communities Program for the committee's review and comment.

Committee comment:

- How often will TLC grants be awarded? Response: The general idea is for once a year, but depends on availability of fund sources. The first round should kick off in January.
- Include parking specifics regardless of whether structures are proposed.
- Consider rapid shuttles as possibilities, and shared parking.
- Better define "livable" and "communities" – the program should promote a more livable region
- Increase GHG criterion from 10 to 40 points
- Increase the points for GHG reduction now, not in a future cycle
- Add "reduces VMT" to Item F
- Add community outreach as a criterion.

STP/CMAQ Programming Update

Mr. Craig Goldblatt updated the committee on the \$1.4 billion funding proposal for the federal New Act Surface Transportation Program and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act backfill.

Mr. Goldblatt also thanked the committee for a concise one-page recommendation to the Programming and Allocations Committee. He stated that the region did really well overall delivering federally funded federal aid projects, and there was an end-of-year distribution among the state, which reduced the payback to other regions in the state, which impacted the capacity of the next cycle of programming. He noted that there will be \$14 million addition to the Climate initiative in cycle one.

Advisory Council Position on Restructuring Recommendations

Mr. Bob Planthold summarized the recommendations that will be presented at the November 13, 2009 Legislative Committee. He noted that the proposal calls for a 27 member body. The first appointment term would be for two years, and then at the end of 18 months there will be an evaluation. After that subsequent terms will be four years in length. He stated that there will be three segments: 9 would be appointed dealing with the economy and the environment from throughout the region at an at-large basis; 9 would be for equity appointees; and, 9 from senior or disabled.

At the end of the discussion, Mr. Paul Cohen motioned to increase the proposed 27 members to 36 members, preserving safety, labor, academia and media. Mr. Michael Pechner seconded. Motioned passed unanimously.

Other Business/Public Comment/Announcements

There was no other business. The next meeting of the Advisory Council is scheduled for December 9, 2009. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.