

PARTNERSHIP TRANSIT COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Minutes

November 23, 2009

Steve Heminger called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Transit agency representatives included Dorothy Dugger, BART; Deidre Heitman, BART; Mike Scanlon, SamTrans; Michael Burns, SCVTA; Celia Kupersmith, GGBHTD; Nat Ford, SFMTA; Deborah Johnson, SFMTA; Robert Thompson, WestCAT; Mona Babauta, Santa Rosa City Bus; Mary King, AC Transit; Kate Miller, AC Transit; Kathleen Kelly, AC Transit; Joe Rye, City of Petaluma; Nina Rannels, WETA; Mike Gougherty, WETA; David Responski, Marin Transit; Paul Matsubka, LAVTA; Stacey Mortensen, ACE; and Jeanne Krieg, ECCTA.

Transit Coordination Implementation Plan (MTC Resolution No. 3866)

Ms. Melanie Crotty, MTC staff, presented the Committee with an overview of the draft Transit Coordination Implementation Plan (MTC Resolution No. 3866). She noted that if an operator does not comply with the Plan MTC can withhold, restrict, or reprogram funds and allocations. She stated that the objective of the plan is to benefit existing and potential transit customers with the goal of seamless transit connections and improved coordinated services. She presented a power point presentation outlining the State statutes and Commission actions that established MTC's authority related to the coordination of the region's transit services. She commented on the history of the Transit Coordination Plan noting that the Transit Coordination Plan was first adopted in 1998 and last amended in April 2006 to incorporate the Transit Connectivity Plan by reference. She further commented on the key elements of the Plan, stating it includes an overview of requirements for TransLink<sup>®</sup>, the 511 program and the Regional Hub Signage Program.

Ms. Crotty noted that staff will present the draft Transit Coordination Implementation Plan (MTC Resolution No. 3866) to the MTC Operations Committee on December 11, 2009 for information and then forward the final plan to the Commission in February 2010 for adoption as MTC Policy.

Several Committee members expressed concerns regarding the review process. Mr. Heminger stated that Dorothy Dugger made a request before she left that at the next TransLink<sup>®</sup> Management Group meeting there be one more opportunity for transit operators to comment collectively. Ms. Crotty added that this item will also be presented to the PTAC, Transit Finance Working Group, and other MTC Advisory Groups.

Transit Sustainability

Ms. Flemer stated that on October 21 the Commission held a workshop to get more information on what would be involved in carrying out the Transit Sustainability Project. She stated that the starting point for the project will be to: (1) identify service productivity improvements and (2) pursue strategies to secure new transit operating and capital revenues.

She briefly summarized the elements of the project work scope, noting that one major element will be to conduct a fact-based financial analysis on transit operators to look at the causes of the cost effectiveness problems. She noted that there are internal and external factors to be

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considered. These would include everything from how competitive transit can be in the world of very low priced auto options to land use decisions that are not at the decision-making level of the transit systems themselves. Other entities make land use decisions and they can run counter to trying to make the transit systems as effective as possible. There will be a service analysis to look at potential service changes and service improvements. A broader institutional analysis will also be included as part of the project works scope. Ms. Flemer stated that staff will create a public involvement process and also an advisory structure that will help the Commission work through some of these issues. She summarized the project schedule.

#### Funding Protection Initiative

Mr. Joshua Shaw, Executive Director, California Transit Association, presented the Committee with an overview of the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act, a statewide initiative to amend the state's constitution that the California Transit Association, the California Alliance for Jobs and the League of California Cities have developed for placement on the November 2010 statewide ballot. The goal of the initiative is to protect public transit funding, local street and road funding, general transportation funding and redevelopment agency funding from diversions to the state's General Fund. The initiative proposal has been submitted to the Attorney General's office, which is the first step toward qualifying for a measure to go before voters in 2010. He summarized the work that has been completed during this process and noted that there is still more work to be done. Ms. Rebecca Elliot, Regional Representative, League of California Cities, briefly summarized some of the efforts that have been made regarding this initiative.