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**Legislation Committee
February 12, 2010
Minutes**

Chair Rubin called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Committee members in attendance: Azumbrado, Chu, Giacomini, Haggerty, Halsted, Lempert, Rein Worth, Spering, Tissier and Yeager. Also in attendance: Commissioners Bates and Cortese.

Minutes of the Committee's January 8, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Commissioner Giacomini and a second by Commissioner Tissier.

Legislative History

The report by Rebecca Long of MTC staff was received by the Committee.

Commissioner Bates asked if Senate Bill 205 (Hancock), on which the Commission took a support position, was signed into law. Ms. Long said the bill was signed into law through SB 83 (Hancock).

FY 2010-11 Proposed State Budget

Ms. Long presented a side-by-side comparison of the Governor's proposed budget and the Senate Leadership's proposal. Ms. Long noted that a regional gas fee is something the Commission has supported in the past. Commissioner Haggerty asked what the actual budget relief would be from these proposals. Ms. Long said between \$1.8 and \$1.9 billion. Commissioner Haggerty noted he does not support the Leadership's proposal to grant MPOs the authority to adopt a regional gasoline fee because it should be the job of the state legislature. Commissioner Rein Worth also noted concern with the Leadership's proposal, which does not require that the fee be submitted to the voters. Commissioner Bates noted his support for the proposal but anticipated that state Republicans would never approve such a proposal. Commissioner Spering said it is appropriate for MPOs to have this authority. Commissioner Lempert said the Commission must be careful about the message they send if they turn down the authority. Commissioner Haggerty noted that not all jurisdictions have been asking for local control.

Ms. Long emphasized that something needs to be done for transit at the state level, and that the Committee could recommend the proposal be revised to do so. Commissioner Rein Worth said this is something she could support but only if there is a consensus process on an expenditure plan for the proposed gas fee. Commissioner Bates said opposing the proposal is a mistake because the Commission has advocated for a regional gas fee in the past. Executive Director Steve Heminger summarized the Committee's concerns into the need to generate additional revenue for public transit at the state level, and to require a majority vote for the gasoline fee. Mr. Heminger also noted that there is a precedent for the Commission to seek voter approval when

revenue from motorists is proposed for projects not directly related to motorists, such as Regional Measure 2. Commissioner Azumbrado expressed his support for a greater authority as an opportunity to have more power to implement policies, and to coordinate the policies of the various agencies in the Bay Area.

FY 2010-11 Proposed Federal Budget

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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. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2010. The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.