



Agenda Item 2

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PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2010 MINUTES

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Steve Heminger
Executive Director

Ann Flemer
Deputy Executive Director, Policy

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Deputy Executive Director, Operations

ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Spering called the Planning Committee meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Other committee members in attendance were Commissioners Chu, Halsted, Lempert, Mackenzie, Rein-Worth, Rubin, Tissier, and Yeager. Commissioners Bates and Daly also attended.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Minutes of March 12, 2010

Commissioner Mackenzie moved approval, Commissioner Yeager seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

PLANNING COMMITTEE/CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY (CMA) DISCUSSION

Commissioner Spering welcomed the CMA representatives to the meeting, and noted that he has been a strong advocate of trying to strengthen the partnership between MTC and the CMAs.

He asked the CMAs to discuss the challenges that they are facing, and to share their ideas of how MTC can better coordinate with them.

Attendees present were:

- Mr. Paul Price, Executive Director, Napa County Transp. Authority
- Mayor Mark Green, Chair, Alameda CMA
- Mr. Dennis Fay, Executive Director, Alameda CMA
- Mr. Daryl Halls, Executive Director, Solano County Transp. Authority
- Mr. Harry Price, Vice-Chair, Solano County Transp. Authority
- Mr. Tom Kasten, Chair, C/CAG of San Mateo
- Mr. Richard Napier, Executive Director, C/CAG of San Mateo
- Mr. Jose Luis Moscovich, Executive Director, San Francisco Co. Transp. Auth.
- Ms. Madeline Kellner, Councilmember, City of Novato, Transp. Auth. of Marin
- Ms. Dianne Steinhauer, Executive Director, Transportation Authority of Marin
- Ms. Suzanne Smith, Executive Director, Sonoma County Transp. Authority
- Ms. Valerie Brown, Vice-Chair, Sonoma County Transp. Authority
- Mr. Paul Maxwell, Executive Director, Contra Costa Transp. Authority
- Mayor Robert Taylor, Chair Contra Costa Transp. Authority
- Mr. John Ristow, Executive Director, Santa Clara Valley Transp. Authority
- Mr. Sam Liccardo, Chair, Santa Clara Valley Transp. Authority

Each CMA summarized their key projects and planning studies, issues and concerns, and their priorities.

Commissioner Spring welcomed any additional comments from CMA board members:

- Mayor Mark Green (Alameda County CMA) encouraged the committee to schedule regular joint meetings at different locations around the region. He supported the Commission's local block grant program but stated that not all funds should be allocated on a per capita formula basis. He also urged support for increasing the vehicle registration fee per SB 83 (Hancock).
- Ms. Valerie Brown (Sonoma County CMA) indicated support for regular joint meetings to foster closer ties between the CMAs and MTC. She also stated that the region needs to continue to work closely with the Obama administration to develop mutually beneficial policies for consideration in the next federal transportation bill.
- Mayor Robert Taylor (Contra Costa County CMA) stated that these meetings are informative, and agreed that more frequent joint meetings should take place around the region.

Steve Heminger, MTC Executive Director, proposed four topics for further discussion: 1) Development of county proposals for voter approval of a vehicle license fee; 2) Federal Authorization, where there is potential conflict happening in Washington D.C. between authorizing the transportation programs and the climate change legislation; 3) Transit Sustainability Project; and 4) Implementation of Senate Bill 375.

Commissioner Spring stated that they also need to take the time to discuss flexible funding, as well as sustainable communities now that the federal government is getting engaged. He noted that it would be good to have a MTC/CMA policy supporting federal funding flexibility.

Mr. Heminger stated that what staff agreed to do in the last funding cycle was to start thinking about a Priority Development Area (PDA) block grant program, which would include the Regional Bike Program, TLC, and the local street and road rehab funds.

Commissioner Spring asked for closing comments:

- Commissioner Rein-Worth stated that it is very important that everyone works together as they go forward in the funding and planning process.
- Commissioner Bates commented that this meeting was very informative. He urged that the group pursue the idea of the block grant around PDA's.
- Commissioner Mackenzie suggested adding EPA to the Commission if, in fact, the federal government is encouraging a team approach to transportation, land use and environmental programs. He also recommended that a joint Planning Committee/CMA meeting occur every 6 months. He stated that he is particularly interested in the involvement of the CMAs in developing the SCS.
- Commissioner Lempert stated that we should look at ways that MTC can help in joint multi-county endeavors such as support for Caltrain. She also agreed that Planning Committee and CMA meetings should be held throughout the region.

- Commissioner Tissier stated that she heard several things repeatedly; such as, promoting funding flexibility and good communication. She stated that the block grant approach is very helpful as an idea, and noted that there are a lot of current issues, but to keep an eye on the longer term vision as well.
- Commissioner Yeager stated that he hopes to see all the talk turn into action.
- Commissioner Rubin stated that MTC is a regional body and he hoped that everyone can work together in thinking regionally when these types of meetings occur.

Commissioner Sporing suggested that the CMAs write a summary of this meeting and recommend what next steps they would like to see. MTC will do the same. Steve Heminger noted that he and the CMA Directors are scheduled to meet in late April and will discuss strategies for following up on the various things heard at this meeting. These will then be brought to the full commission for consideration.

OTHER BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 14, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, CA.