



## Agenda Item 1a

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**MTC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING with the  
JOINT ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE and the JOINT POLICY  
COMMITTEE OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2010  
MINUTES**

*Scott Haggerty, Chair*  
Alameda County

*Adrienne J. Tissier, Vice Chair*  
San Mateo County

*Tom Azumbrado*  
U.S. Department of Housing  
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*Tom Bates*  
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*Dean J. Chu*  
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*Dave Cortese*  
Association of Bay Area Governments

*Chris Daly*  
City and County of San Francisco

*Bill Dodd*  
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U.S. Department of Transportation

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Contra Costa County

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San Francisco Bay Conservation  
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*Steve Kinsey*  
Marin County and Cities

*Sue Lempert*  
Cities of San Mateo County

*Jake Mackenzie*  
Sonoma County and Cities

*Jon Rubin*  
San Francisco Mayor's Appointee

*Bijan Sartipi*  
State Business, Transportation  
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*James P. Spring*  
Solano County and Cities

*Amy Rein Worth*  
Cities of Contra Costa County

*Ken Yeager*  
Santa Clara County

*Steve Heminger*  
Executive Director

*Ann Flemer*  
Deputy Executive Director, Policy

*Andrew B. Fremier*  
Deputy Executive Director, Operations

### ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Spring called the MTC Planning Committee meeting to order at 10:010 a.m. Planning Committee members and other Commissioners in attendance: Azumbrado, Bates, Cortese, Daly, Giacopini, Haggerty, Halsted, Kinsey, Lempert, Rein-Worth, and Rubin.

### CONSENT CALENDAR: Minutes of May 14, 2010: a) Minutes of July 9, 2010; b) Bay Area Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update

Commissioner Kinsey stated that the Marin County Congestion Management Agency (CMA) has consistently found the CMP to be an unhelpful document. Commissioner Haggerty stated the Alameda CMA staff agrees with Commissioner Kinsey. Mr. Mark Green disagreed. Mr. Steve Heminger stated that this document is a federal mandate, and encapsulates regional agency and CMA work plans.

Commissioner Spring asked MTC staff to review the CMP with CMA staff.

Commissioner Haggerty moved approval of the Consent Calendar, Commissioner Lempert seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### MTC PLANNING COMMITTEE/ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE/JOINT POLICY COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Spring welcomed committee members, and asked for them to introduce themselves.

Attendees present were:

- Mark Green, Mayor, City of Union City
- Julie Pierce, Councilmember, City of Clayton
- John Gioia, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa
- Ash Kalra, Councilmember, City of San Jose
- Jean Roggenkamp, Bay Area Air Quality Mgmt. District
- Ezra Rapport, Exec. Director, ABAG
- Kenneth Moy, ABAG Legal Counsel
- Mark Luce, Supervisor, County of Napa
- Pamela Torliatt, Mayor, City of Petaluma

- Susan Adams, Supervisor, County of Marin
- Rose Jacobs Gibson, Supervisor County of San Mateo
- Jane Brunner, Councilmember, City of Oakland
- Sean Randolph, Bay Area Economic Forum
- John Avalos, Supervisor, City/County of San Francisco
- Sam Liccardo, Councilmember, City of San Jose

### **SB375 GREENHOUSE GAS (GHG) EMISSION REDUCTION TARGETS**

Mr. Doug Kimsey stated that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Staff Report for Proposed GHG Emission Reduction Targets was released on August 9, 2010.

Mr. Kimsey reminded the Committee that there are two key principles the Commission had asked CARB to consider when setting targets for the State and this region: 1) adopt single statewide targets for 2020 and 2035, and 2) establish a GHG target for the Bay Area that exceeds a 7% per capita reduction for 2020 or a 15% per capita reduction for 2035, compared to a 2005 base case.

Subsequent to the Commission's adoption of the principles, CARB staff is recommending that its board adopt GHG targets that largely mirror those requested by each of the 18 MPOs required to comply with SB 375. In closing, Mr. Kimsey recommended that the Commission not take any further action on the GHG targets at this time. Staff will testify at the CARB board meeting scheduled for September 23, 2010 and recommend support for the Commission's adopted GHG targets and for statewide uniform targets.

Mr. Steve Heminger briefly expanded on the process that will go before CARB and the other regions.

Committee comment:

- Commissioner Haggerty stated that the Central Valley needs to put together a very good transit program before they start figuring out how to just build houses.
- Ms. Pamela Torliatt, Mayor City of Petaluma, asked staff work closely with and learn from the other MPOs in that state preparing SCSs.
- Commissioner Rein-Worth stated that we haven't agreed on how we are going to achieve the aggressive GHG reductions adopted by the Commission. She also expressed concern with potential pricing strategies affect could affect household transportation costs, and concern over repercussions of not meeting GHG targets.
- Commissioner Lempert stated that the success of this rests on political leadership, and suggested that the League of California Cities be involved in playing a role.
- Commissioner Cortese suggested that we do thorough evaluation that look at various scenarios then try to come up with a blended analysis.
- Ms. Julie Pierce, Councilmember, City of Clayton, stated that the process is backwards. Staff is setting a target and then figuring out if they can meet it, and what the cost is going to be. She stated that staff needs to know what they can afford to do and then set the targets.

- Ms. Jane Brunner, Councilmember, City of Oakland, reported for the record that the issue of pricing is not in full agreement.
- Commissioner Haggerty expressed concern that MPOs with higher GHG targets may put transportation funding or projects at risk. Mr. Heminger responded that there is no provision in the law that specifies the types of projects that an MPO must consider in developing an SCS.
- Mr. Mark Green, Mayor, City of Union City, stated that SCAG is much larger than the eight San Joaquin Valley MPOs. SCAG can't be dropping down to 6 and 8.

### **Public Comment**

- Mr. David Schonbrunn, TRANSDEF, agreed on the issues of uniform targets for all of the State and in particular the need for much more significant contribution from the San Joaquin Valley. He also commented on the absence of context in the previous target setting.

### **REGIONAL HOUSING TARGETS**

Mr. Ezra Rapport introduced the item, and stated that the one of the key elements of the SCS is the assumption of employment growth in the Bay Area. Data shows that over the last 20 years in the Bay Area, there has been almost no employment growth – in fact there has been a drop considering the latest recession. Mr. Rapport stated that they have engaged a peer review committee of economists to assess other state MPO forecasts. He then introduced Mr. Paul Fassinger, ABAG Research Director, who presented various ways to develop employment growth forecasts. Mr. Fassinger also presented a demographic analysis, which showed that the region's aging population will have a major impact on housing need.

Committee comment:

- Mr. Mark Green asked if ABAG was still collecting data from Community Development Directors throughout the 101 cities. Response: ABAG typically collects information on housing permits from local jurisdictions. They are looking at what's in plans and what looks like could be in land use.
- Ms. Susan Adams, Supervisor, County of Marin, stated that there to be consideration for the amount and type of housing seniors are going to need.
- Commissioner Bates stated that the region's existing housing stock is substantially under-used. He does not agree with the idea that seniors are going to leave their homes and move to a smaller venue because due to property tax benefits that discourage people to move.
- Commissioner Azumbrado stated that there are issues with unreported income and would be interested in knowing that as we retire how many in the Bay Area have no mortgages,

### **PERFORMANCE TARGETS AND INDICATORS**

Ms. Lisa Klein stated staff's recommendation of a set of no more than 10 performance targets to test a set of policy and investment choices. She noted that staff is currently proposing to carry over several of the targets previously adopted in MTC Transportation 2035 plan and ABAG's Projections 09 as well as proposing several new targets in recognition of the objectives of SB 375.

Mr. Marisa Raya, ABAG, commented on the Indicators, which track the implementation of the SCS/RTP plan and policies. She stated that they can measure other aspects of community quality related to transportation and land use.

In closing, Ms. Klein stated that staff anticipates recommending a set of performance targets in November 2010, so they can start analysis of the scenarios in early 2011, and begin to develop a recommendation for the indicators in April 2011.

**Public Comment:**

- Mr. Scott Zengel, Bay Area Council, shared a few proposals for economic targets, which include maximizing the total regional property tax, and an economic index.
- Mr. Paul Campos, Building Industry Association of the Bay Area stated his agreement with Mr. Zengel's comments.

**Committee comment:**

- Ms. Susan Adams stated there is a lot not chosen on this list. Marin County has a whole array of additional indicators that should be considered.
- Mr. Mark Green observed we need to engage more private sector interests.
- Ms. Julie Pierce stated that we have not figured out how we are going to afford to replace the infrastructure as required to densify and change growth patterns.
- Ms. Jane Brunner observed the discussion is too high level. We need to get much more specific because people want to discuss what is going to happen in their community.
- Mr. Mark Luce commented that we need some measure of the condition of our infrastructure; including sewer systems and roads.
- Ms. Amy Rein-Worth noted we should start discussing the barriers to achieving our targets and what we are going to do. It seems that local jurisdictions want to build affordable housing but can't access the funding to do so. We may want to look at how we can use Federal policies such as tax credit caps and other Federal tools that can help us achieve local goals.
- Mr. Sam Liccardo commented the indicators should include transportation cost, as well as housing cost, as a percent of household income.
- Mr. Jim Spering asked that staff forward to the Committee specific, detailed comments from various stakeholders in a less filtered fashion. As we talk about the economy, we will need to reconcile the actions we are taking to adopt higher thresholds with the tremendous cost and the associated impacts on low-income and disadvantaged families, as well as middle class families. We should suggest realistic targets that are achievable.
- Mr. John Gioia commented that we have not done enough thinking through how our policies affect lower income communities.

**OTHER BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. David Schonbrun stated that many of the comments today speak about the need to think comprehensively about infrastructure – this is a call for regional governance.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m. The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 8, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, CA.

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