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Programming and Allocations Committee
October 13, 2010
Minutes

Chair Kinsey called the meeting to order at approximately 10:24 a.m. Committee members present were: Commissioners Glover, Bates, Cortese, Daly, Dodd, and Sartipi. Commissioners Haggerty and Tissier were present as ad hoc members of the Committee. Other Commissioners present were: Chu, Giacopini, Halsted, Lempert, Mackenzie, Rein-Worth, and Rubin.

Consent Calendar

The Committee approved the following consent items:

- Minutes of September 8, 2010 meeting;
- Quarterly Report of Executive Director's Delegated Authority Actions;
- Allocation of \$53 million in FY 2010-11 TDA and STA funds to various claimants for transit operating. MTC Resolution Nos. 3950, Revised and 3951, Revised;
- 2010 Productivity Improvement Program Improvement Program (PIP) from Transportation Development Act (TDA) Triennial Audit Reports. MTC Resolution No. 3927;
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Program Revisions and Update. MTC Resolution Nos. 3885, Revised, and 3896, Revised; and
- 2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 2009-60. MTC Resolution No. 3875, Revised.

Federal

- *New Federal Transportation Act Cycle 1 Status Report and Grant Recommendations for the Climate Initiatives Competitive Grant Program. MTC Resolution No. 3925, Revised.*

Ashley Nguyen, Planning Section, and Craig Goldblatt, Programming and Allocations Section, presented an overview of grant recommendations totaling approximately \$33 million to 17 projects for the new Climate Initiatives Competitive Grant Program.

Under public comment William Riggs, of UC Berkeley, requested that the Committee reconsider funding the UC Berkeley proposal, which is a companion to the recommended City of Berkeley project.

The following members of the public spoke in support of the grant recommendations: Rafael Reyes of Bay Area Climate Collaborative, Sven Thesen of Better Place, Dianne Steinhauser of Transportation Authority of Marin, Tess Lengyel of Alameda CTC,

Brent O'Brien of City Car Share, Matt Nichols of City of Berkeley, Carli Paine of TransForm, Tilly Chang of San Francisco County Transportation Authority, Chris Hayashi of San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority, Marlene Demery of City of Napa, and Sven Thesen as a member of the public.

Commissioner Dorene Giacomini supports the proposed bike and car sharing projects and suggested that staff look into mobility scooters as an additional option for people that cannot make use of bikes and cars.

Commissioner Steve Kinsey commented that he is counting on the agencies represented today for their leadership efforts in making the Climate Initiative Program successful and that this is a great opportunity for MTC to extend and expand its knowledge to effectively respond to climate change.

Commissioner Tom Bates commented that he is proud of the staff and agency as a whole for coming up with cutting edge ideas to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In response to the public comment and request from UC Berkeley, Commissioner Bates noted that the City of Berkeley is very fortunate for having been recommended the \$2 million grant and has recently received a \$1.8 million federal grant of which \$900,000 is to go specifically to UC Berkeley. The City intends to work fully with the University in bringing together several different partners for the success of a plan for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Commissioner Scott Haggerty commented that the bicycle sharing project should receive continued reinvestment, including bicycle sharing hubs at BART lines, universities, and major employment hubs, as this is where a huge success will be realized in moving people out of their cars and onto main transit lines such as BART.

Commissioner Amy Rein-Worth requested that for purposes of public awareness, for multi-county projects, it would be helpful to include which counties are included so that everyone knows where the funding is being applied. She further commented that she attended an opening of the Contra Costa Centre Transit Oriented Development project and noted that this project is paying for car share, segways, bicycles, and mobility scooters. These types of projects are important to reinvest in and have a huge opportunity for the success of the Climate Initiative Program.

Commissioner Adrienne Tissier commented that there is a great need for education on how the Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) program works in other counties and how the funding streams work.

Commissioner Jake Mackenzie shared comments on behalf of Suzanne Smith of the Sonoma County Transportation Authority and the Sonoma County Climate Protection Authority in support of the linkage to expand the transportation demand management program in Sonoma County, and the electric vehicle grant.

Commissioner Steve Kinsey recommended that staff create a brochure that identifies investments being made into the Climate Initiative and provide contact information that other agencies could reference. Steve Heminger responded that this is something that staff will pursue and noted the coincidence of today's Committee action on the Climate Initiative grants, on a Spare the Air Day in mid-October.

The Committee unanimously approved the referral of MTC Resolution No. 3925, Revised to the Commission for approval after a motion by Commissioner Glover and a second by Commissioner Dodd.

- *Adoption of the 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Federal Air Quality Conformity Determination for the 2011 TIP. MTC Resolution Nos. 3975 and 3976.*

Sri Srinivasan, Programming and Allocations Section, and Ashley Nguyen, Planning Section presented an overview of the TIP and the final Federal Air Quality Conformity Analysis in accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) transportation conformity regulations and MTC's Bay Area Air Quality Conformity Procedures.

Under public comment Carli Paine of TransForm spoke in appreciation of staff for having completed the investment analysis associated with the TIP.

The Committee unanimously approved the referral of MTC Resolution Nos. 3975 and 3976 to the Commission for approval after a motion by Commissioner Bates and a second by Commissioner Glover.

Regional

- *Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Operating Program Update.*

Christina Verdin, Programming and Allocations Section, updated the Committee on FY 2009-10 RM2 operating performance.

Steve Heminger requested to revise the staff recommendation, given Golden Gate is not meeting the standards set forth by the Commission for Route 40/42, and suggested that staff work with Golden Gate on a corrective action plan. Commissioner Kinsey commented that decisions were made last year regarding continuing trends not meeting those standards and allowed operators the opportunity to make changes to meet the standards. It is unfortunate that some operators are still not able to make those standards and serious conversations need to be had with Golden Gate and any other agencies having difficulty in meeting the standards. When the operators cannot take appropriate action when a route is not meeting the standard, it is the Commission's role to make those tough decisions.

Commissioner Lempert commented that it is a terrible public perception to see buses with only one or two passengers and the public is less likely to support tax increases for transportation when they see this. She suggested that other options be explored, such as taxi programs coordinated by the city.

Alix Bockelman, Director of Programming and Allocations Section, explained that this item is before the Committee for information only and noted that staff will come back to the Committee in December with corrective action plans for Golden Gate, Fairfield, and County Connection.

- *Triennial Performance Audits of various operators.*

Christina Verdin, Programming and Allocations Section, and Subhash Mundle of Mundle and Associates updated the Committee on the results of the TDA triennial performance audits of San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), City of Benicia, Fairfield and Suisun Transit (FAST), Livermore-Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA), and City of Union City.

This item was presented for information only and no action is required by the Committee at this time.

- *Allocation of approximately \$74 million in Bridge Toll funds and rescission of approximately \$12 million in RM2 funds. MTC Resolution Nos. 3914, Revised, and 3819, Revised.*

Shruti Hari, Programming and Allocations Section, requested AB 1171 fund allocations for approximately \$74 million for the Bay Area Rapid Transit towards the purchase of eight Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) vehicles, and a rescission of approximately \$11.5 million in RM2 Capital funds for the City of Vallejo from prior right-of-way and construction allocations.

The Committee unanimously approved the referral of MTC Resolution Nos. 3914, Revised, and 3819, Revised to the Commission for approval after a motion by Commissioner Glover and a second by Commissioner Daly.

California Transportation Commission Update

The Committee received, in writing, updates on the California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting held on September 22 and 23 in Fresno, CA. Alix Bockelman commented that Kenneth Kao, MTC staff, is serving as the moderator for statewide Regional Transportation Planning Agency group.

Commissioner Kinsey adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:45 a.m.