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ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Mackenzie called the MTC Planning Committee meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Planning Committee members in attendance were: Azumbrado, Chu, Giacomini, Haggerty, Halsted, Lempert, Rein-Worth, Rubin, Tissier and Yeager. Commissioners Daly and Dodd were also in attendance.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Minutes of September 10, 2010

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

DRAFT TITLE IV COMPLIANCE REPORT

Ms. Denise Rodriguez stated that the draft report describes the programs and activities MTC has in place to ensure non-discriminatory delivery of services and benefits, and is prepared in response to Federal Transit Administration Circular 4702.1A.

She recommended that the Planning Committee refer MTC Resolution No. 3982 to the Commission for approval to transmit MTC's Title VI Compliance Report to FTA and Caltrans.

Commissioner Lempert moved approval, Commissioner Worth seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

REGIONAL AIRPORT STUDY

Mr. Doug Kimsey introduced Mr. Chris Brittle who presented an update on the Regional Airport Planning Committee's ongoing Regional Airport Study.

Committee comments:

- Commissioner Haggerty asked why Livermore Airport was not mentioned in the presentation as an option to serve additional commercial and general aviation flights. Response: Mr. Brittle stated that the study team reviewed Livermore Airport as a commercial reliever airport but did not recommend exploring further due to its proximity to Oakland Airport (OAK), low estimated air passenger demand, and local opposition to accommodating commercial air service.

- Commissioner Rubin commented that some years ago there was a plan that recommended that San Francisco Airport (SFO) serve as the region's main international passenger hub; Oakland Airport serve as the international cargo hub; and San Jose Airport (SJC) serve as the region's domestic passenger hub. Response: Mr. Brittle stated that what Commissioner Rubin described is generally true today. SFO is still the predominant international airport; however its air cargo role has increased because the strong growth in the international Pacific Rim economies is generating more cargo for SFO.
- Commissioner Rubin asked if aircraft noise reduction regulations have been implemented. Response: Mr. Brittle stated that most of the older and noisier jets have been phased out and replaced with quieter ones.
- Commissioner Rein-Worth asked if the study gathered information on how the region's commercial airports can give the Bay Area a competitive economic edge over the rest of the State. Response: Mr. Brittle stated that the basic study premise was that if the airports operate efficiently and handle more growth efficiently, then it will be good for the Bay Area economy. He also noted that RAPC will review analyses that describe activities to help support an efficient airport system.
- Commissioner Lempert asked if the three major airports have the runway capacity and airport terminal facilities to accommodate the largest air passenger jets. Response: Mr. Brittle stated that SFO has the runway and gate capacity. Commissioner Lempert also asked if the small private planes can be diverted from SFO to other airports. Response: Mr. Brittle stated that the study is assessing demand management strategies that can redirect small private plane activity to less congested time periods and to other general aviation airports.
- Commissioner Chu gave a brief overview of the Regional Airport Planning Committee which he chairs. He noted that Commissioners Mackenzie and Spring both serve on the committee.
- Commissioner Azumbrado asked if Seattle and Los Angeles airports experienced the same passenger volume decline this past decade as the Bay Area commercial airports. Response: Mr. Brittle stated that Ontario had a similar major decline as Oakland. The RAPC will be given more detailed comparisons among Southern California and other West Coast airports.

OTHER BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 12, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, CA.