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Legislation Committee
October 8, 2010
Minutes

Chair Rubin called the meeting to order at 10:49 a.m. Committee members in attendance: Azumbrado, Chu, Giacopini, Haggerty, Halsted, Lempert, Mackenzie, Rein Worth, Tissier, and Yeager. Also in attendance: Commissioners Daly, and Dodd.

The **Minutes** of the September 10, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Commissioner Rein Worth and a second by Commissioner Mackenzie.

Legislative History

The Committee received the report from Rebecca Long of MTC staff.

State Budget Update

The Committee received the report from Ms. Long.

2010 Legislative Scorecard

The report by Ms. Long was received by the Committee. Commissioner Giacopini thanked staff for their legislative work throughout the year.

FREIGHT Act

S. 3629 (Lautenberg)/H.R. 5976 (Sires), the Focusing Resources, Economic Investment, and Guidance to Help Transportation (FREIGHT) Act of 2010, would require the U.S. Department of Transportation to develop a National Freight Strategic Plan to guide and inform investment in goods movement infrastructure nationwide. Commissioner Lempert moved a support position on the FREIGHT Act and seek amendment to include a dedicated user fee that links costs to beneficiaries. Commissioner Mackenzie seconded the motion and the item was unanimously referred to Commission.

Tom Bulger's Report

The Committee received the monthly report from Tom Bulger as presented by Randy Rentschler of MTC staff. Commissioner Rein Worth announced that the League of California Cities took a support position on the White House initiative to end childhood obesity. She noted that the East Bay Regional Park District's Green Transportation Initiative would be a logical way to support the White House initiative, which in turn makes it an excellent candidate for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) II grant.

FTA State of Repair Bus & Bus Facilities Grant Program Awards

The Committee received the report from Mr. Rentschler.

Other Business/Public Comment/Adjourn

There was no other business. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for November 12. The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.