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ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 3985

This resolution supersedes MTC Resolution No. 3509 to allow for updates to the Bay Area Partnership advisory role to MTC.

Further discussion of this action is contained in the MTC Executive Director's Memorandum dated November 5, 2010.

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RE: The Bay Area Partnership

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO.3985

WHEREAS, the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991 (Public Law 102-240) and California Senate Bill 45 (Statutes 1997, Chapter 622) introduced substantial new funding flexibility in the expenditure of federal and state gas tax funds previously reserved primarily for highway purposes; and

WHEREAS, with nine counties, 101 cities, 1,400 miles of highway, 20,000 miles of local roads, eight toll bridges, three major commercial airports, five public seaports, and 21 public transit agencies, the Bay Area's varied natural topography and institutional complexity place a premium on cooperation and partnership among the public agencies responsible for delivering transportation projects and services; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Partnership (hereinafter "the Partnership") was informally established in 1992 to capitalize on ISTEA's new funding flexibility and to overcome institutional barriers to efficiently operating, adequately maintaining, and strategically expanding the metropolitan transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership consists of the top managers of public agencies responsible for moving people and goods in the Bay Area, as well as for protecting the region's environmental quality; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes the need for close collaboration among members of the Partnership in order to address the many challenges facing the Bay Area in the areas of transportation, land use, and sustaining the region's quality of life; and

WHEREAS, in October 2002 the Commission adopted Resolution No. 3509 to constitute the Bay Area Partnership, and the nature and timing of the Partnership's interaction with the Commission, based on recommended changes in how the Partnership conducts its business in three basic areas: roles and responsibilities, participation by member agencies, and organizational structure; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that the provisions of Resolution No. 3509 should be updated to reflect the role of the Partnership and to provide the flexibility for future changes as determined by the Commission; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Commission reconfirms the purpose of the Bay Area Partnership to collaboratively assist the Commission in fashioning consensus among its federal, state, regional, and local transportation agency partners regarding the policies, plans, and programs to be adopted and implemented by the Commission; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Partnership shall be composed of the chief staff officer for each of the agencies listed in Attachment A, which is incorporated herein by reference as though set forth at length, and which may be amended by the Commission from time to time as necessary; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Partnership shall meet as necessary, shall report to the Commission on timely issues and topics, and provide comments and perspectives that help inform and enhance the Commission's framework for decision-making; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Partnership may establish committees to assist in the conduct of its business as described in Attachment A; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commission directs its Executive Director to provide necessary administrative support to the Partnership and its committees in cooperation and with the assistance of other Partnership agencies; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commission directs its Executive Director to transmit copies of this Resolution to the members of the Partnership and other interested parties; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution supersedes Resolution No. 3509.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Scott Haggerty, Chair

The above resolution was adopted by the
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
at a regular meeting of the Commission held
in Oakland, California, on November 17, 2010.

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Membership

The Partnership shall be composed of the types of public agency representatives listed below that meet the eligibility criteria and are confirmed through the membership process as described below.

Process

Agencies eligible for membership who are not currently members must request membership through the Chair of the Partnership Board. If accepted for membership by the Partnership, MTC staff will update its Partnership roster to reflect the new membership. The Partnership shall consider the eligibility criteria below when voting on membership requests.

Eligibility

1) A chief staff officer from all public agencies representing the following transportation interests:

- Transit operations;
- Transportation facilities;
- Congestion Management Agencies;
- Public works;
- Airports;
- Seaports;
- Regional transportation, environmental, and land use-based agencies;
- State transportation, environmental, and land-use based agencies; and
- Federal transportation, environmental, and land-use based agencies.

2) A chief staff officer may represent multiple agencies but has only one vote on the Bay Area Partnership Board.

3) A group of public agencies may nominate representatives for the group rather than have independent representation for each member (e.g. city/county Public Works, small transit operators, seaports, etc). This group nomination process can occur through the Transit Finance Working Group, Joint Finance Working Group, or Streets and Roads Committee, or other appropriate venue, for recommendation to the Partnership Board. This approach may be preferred by the Partnership for transportation interests whose sheer number and geographic dispersion of potential members may hinder consistent and effective participation in Partnership Board and subcommittee meetings.

4) A member is expected to participate in the Board on a regular basis and have staff participate regularly in the Partnership Technical Advisory Committee and its working groups.

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Committees

The Partnership may establish committees to assist in the conduct of its business including, but not limited to the following:

- (1) a committee to address finance, planning and related legislative issues;
- (2) a transit coordinating committee to fulfill the requirements of Section 29142.4 of the Public Utilities Code; and
- (3) special purpose committees to oversee the implementation of regional system management programs