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Programming and Allocations Committee November 10, 2010 Minutes

Chair Kinsey called the meeting to order at approximately 10:27 a.m. Committee members present were: Commissioners Glover, Cortese, Daly, and Sartipi. Commissioners Haggerty and Tissier were present as ad hoc members of the Committee. Other Commissioners present were: Chu, Giacopini, Halsted, Lempert, Spering, and Yeager.

Consent Calendar

The Committee approved the following consent items:

- Minutes of October 13, 2010 meeting; and
- Allocation of \$9.5 million in TDA funds to Cities of Santa Rosa and Union City for transit operating and capital projects. MTC Resolution No. 3950, Revised.

Regional

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

Shruti Hari, Programming and Allocations Section, presented the status of capital projects in the Regional Measure 2 Program for the second half of FY 2009-10.

During public comment Mark Green, Mayor of Union City, commented on the funding gap for the Dumbarton Rail project and the similarity in this respect to many past Bay Area transit expansion projects. He noted the successful approval of vehicle registration fees in five counties on November 2nd and Alameda County's planned reauthorization of their sales tax measure in 2012. Mayor Green said he will work toward a significant funding commitment to Dumbarton Rail from the Alameda County sales tax reauthorization. He stated that there are many ways to start bridging the gap and Alameda County is committed to moving the Dumbarton Rail project forward. Mayor Green also suggested that a project presentation be made to the Commission by Marian Lee of SamTrans.

Dr. Nancy Jewell Cross commented that lower cost alternatives for the Dumbarton Corridor are being overlooked. She suggested that the answer for the Dumbarton project is optically guided electric bus services with appropriate routing.

Commissioner Sue Lempert commented that the Dumbarton Rail Policy Committee met last week and approved alternatives for the draft Environmental Impact Statement and draft Environmental Impact Report. There is a new consultant working on the

Dumbarton Rail project and they have developed a new strategy for a more frequent shuttle service approach. Ms. Lempert further commented that this is a very important project for the people of San Mateo County and she hopes to see the Dumbarton Rail project off of the “At Risk” list for the RM2 program in the near future.

Commissioner Adrienne Tissier commented that she is aware that other bay crossing alternatives are being explored but the Committee should continue to look at the Dumbarton Rail project as an option with great potential.

Steve Heminger suggested that updates be brought back to the Programming and Allocations Committee for all three of the “At Risk” projects: AC Transit BRT, Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART), and Dumbarton Commuter Rail Service.

Commissioner Scott Haggerty commented that he is supportive of the Dumbarton Rail project but as we move forward we should also be open to lower cost options.

California Transportation Commission Update

Kenneth Kao, Programming and Allocations Section, gave the Committee an update from the CTC meeting held on November 3-4 in Sacramento. Highlights included the recent adoption of the budget; projects updates on the Caldecott Tunnel and, the Doyle Drive / Presidio Parkway project Public Private Partnership; and CTC’s approval of a project baseline agreement for MTC’s and Caltrans’ Freeway Performance Initiative project which will formalize \$43 million in Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) funds for this project.

Commissioner Kinsey asked for clarification on the Public Private Partnership on Doyle Drive. Commissioner Sartipi explained that the Presidio Parkway project was divided into two phases. Phase I included design, bid, build which is under construction and anticipated completion is October 2011. Phase II was made a Public Private Partnership in which three technical proposals and two financial proposals were received. CTC budgeted a not to exceed amount of \$35 million in annual availability payments for the project and the bids came in at \$28.5 million. There is also a \$175 million milestone payment at the end of construction. The project is benefitting from low bids and the delay in payment until construction is completed allowing other projects to proceed.

Commissioner Kinsey adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:02 a.m.