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Legislation Committee

April 8, 2011

Minutes

Chair Rubin called the meeting to order at 11:11 a.m. Committee members in attendance: Vice Chair Liccardo, Commissioners Giacomini, Green, Mackenzie, Mullin and Spering. Commissioner Rein Worth attended as ex-officio voting member. Also in attendance as ad hoc Committee members: Commissioners Bates and Cortese.

The **Minutes** of the March 11, 2011 meeting were approved after a motion by Commissioner Mackenzie and a second by Commissioner Rein Worth.

Legislative History

The Committee received the report from Rebecca Long of MTC staff. Randy Rentschler of MTC staff gave an update on AB 57 (Beall), a bill that would add two seats to the Commission. Commissioner Rein Worth added that two assembly members from Contra Costa County are co-authors of the bill, which expresses a commitment towards regionalism. Commissioner Liccardo thanked staff and Commissioner Worth for their work on AB 57.

FY 2011-12 State Budget

The Committee received the report from Mr. Rentschler.

AB 1308 (Miller)

AB 1308 would continuously appropriate funds in the Highway Users Tax Account (HUTA) in any year that the Legislature has not enacted a budget by the beginning of the fiscal year.

Commissioner Mackenzie moved approval to support AB 1308 (Miller) and Commissioner Liccardo seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously moved to Commission for approval.

SB 125 (Emmerson)

SB 125 would authorize law enforcement to impound a vehicle that is registered to a chronic toll evader or a vehicle owner whose registration has been put on hold by the Department of Motor Vehicles at the request of a toll operator. Ms. Long asked the Committee to invoke urgency procedures on the motion in order to express the Commission's position on the bill to the Legislature immediately.

Chair Rubin recognized Clarence Fischer, member of the public.

Mr. Fischer expressed his support for the bill; however, he noted that all persons should be able to resolve toll violations in person and added that this language should somehow be included in the bill.

Commissioner Mackenzie moved to support AB 125. Commissioner Rein Worth seconded the motion and it was unanimously moved to Commission.

AB 1215 (Blumenfield)

AB 1215 would make the Business Partner Automation Program mandatory. The program allows vehicle dealerships to offer consumers the option of having their vehicle registration processed electronically for a \$29 charge, significantly speeding up the process of getting license plates on new vehicles. Ms. Long asked the Committee to invoke urgency procedures.

Commissioner Liccardo moved to support AB 1215 (Blumenfield) and seek amendments to impose stronger penalties on motorists driving without license plates and improve identification of temporary vehicle registration expiration. Commissioner Spring seconded the motion and it was unanimously moved to Commission.

SB 310 (Hancock), AB 31 (Beall), AB 485 (Ma)

SB 310 would offer developers a guaranteed density bonus, access to a streamlined local permit process of 90 days, and potential reimbursement of permit expenses if they meet specified requirements that encourage development to expands the supply of affordable housing near public transit.

AB 31 would establish the High-Speed Rail Local Master Plan Pilot Program and eliminate the public vote requirement to create an Infrastructure Financing District (IFD) in a city or county that adopts a high-speed rail local master plan.

AB 485 would establish tax-increment financing for transit-oriented development to enable cities and counties with an adopted transit village development district to create an IFD.

Commissioner Mackenzie moved a support position on SB 310 (Hancock), AB 31 (Beall) and AB 485 (Ma). Commissioner Mullin seconded the motion and it was unanimously moved to Commission.

Tom Bulger's Report

The Committee received the monthly report from Mr. Bulger as presented by Mr. Rentschler.

H.R. 995 (Carnahan)

H.R. 995, the Smart Technologies for Communities Act, would provide additional federal funding to support intelligent transportation systems.

Commissioner Spring moved to support H.R. 995 (Carnahan) and Commissioner Rein Worth seconded the motion, which was unanimously moved to Commission.

Other Business/Public Comment/Adjourn

Commissioner Green requested that the Commission take a position on AB 1086 (Wiecowski), which would allow any city within Alameda County to adopt a sales tax for countywide transportation purposes above the two percent statewide cap. Staff will bring the bill to Committee in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 13, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, California.