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Legislation Committee
June 10, 2011
Minutes

Chair Haggerty called the meeting to order at 9:58 a.m. Committee members in attendance: Commissioners Azumbrado, Giacomini, Green, Halsted, Liccardo, Mackenzie, Mullin and Spering. Commissioners Rein Worth and Tissier attended as ex-officio voting members. Also in attendance as ad hoc Committee members: Commissioners Bates, Cortese, Dodd, and Wiener.

The **Minutes** of the May 13, 2011 meeting were approved after a motion by Commissioner Mackenzie and a second by Commissioner Halsted.

Legislative History

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

FY 2011-12 State Budget

The Committee received the report from Ms. Long. Commissioner Green noted that Senator Lowenthal's bill supporting vehicle miles traveled at the federal level passed its house of origin.

AB 845 (Ma)

AB 845 would codify in statute the California Transportation Commission's current guidelines related to funds provided to commuter rail systems from Proposition 1A (2008), the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century.

Commissioner Halsted moved approval to support AB 845 (Ma). Commissioner Mackenzie seconded the motion, which was unanimously moved to Commission for approval.

H.R. 1825 (Blumenauer)

H.R. 1825 would set a uniform federal transportation fringe benefit of \$200 per month in order to provide the same federal tax savings regardless of whether employees drive to work alone, take transit or vanpool.

Commissioner Halsted moved approval to support H.R. 1825 (Blumenauer). Commissioner Mullin seconded the motion and it was unanimously moved to Commission for approval.

Tom Bulger's Report

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

Other Business/Public Comment/Adjourn

There was no other business. Chair Haggerty recognized Duane DeWitt. Mr. DeWitt suggested the Committee direct legislative staff to ensure the federal Sustainable Communities Partnership program benefits the region, specifically the Sebastopol Road station area plan in Sonoma County.

Chair Haggerty closed the meeting in honor of Commissioner Giacomini's mother, who celebrated her 95th birthday. The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 8, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, California.