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Policy Advisory Council
August 10, 2011
Draft Minutes

Chair Dolly Sandoval called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. Chair Sandoval recognized Commissioner Giacomini in attendance. Members in attendance were Naomi Armenta, Cathleen Baker, Paul Branson, Richard Burnett, JoAnn Busenbark, Carlos Castellanos, Bena Chang, Richard Hedges, Allison Hughes, Dolores Jaquez, Linda Jeffery Sailors, Randi Kinman, Federico Lopez, Marshall Loring, Yokia Mason, Tanya Narath, Frank Robertson and Egon Terplan. Excused: Wilbert Din, Sandi Galvez, Tina King Neuhausel, Kendal Oku and Gerald Rico. Absent: Evelina Molina, Cheryl O'Connor and Lori Reese-Brown.

Approval of July Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the July 8, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Ms. Jeffery Sailors and a second by Mr. Burnett.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Subcommittee Reports

Equity and Access Subcommittee

Subcommittee Chair Armenta reported on their meeting earlier that day, when the subcommittee received an update on the paratransit analysis of the Transit Sustainability Project. The subcommittee gave staff comments on proposed strategies for cost containment, sustainability and the overall analysis. Under new business, a concern was raised that the proposed MTC move was not brought before the Policy Advisory Council.

Regional Equity Working Group

Cathleen Baker reported that the primary goal of their last meeting was to agree on parameters for defining target populations (that might expand the boundaries of the Communities of Concern) and come to final agreement regarding the indicators for the Plan Bay Area equity analysis. There is work still to be done, but with agreement on about 90% of the material, staff will move forward with the analysis. The next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2011 to continue the discussion.

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OneBayArea Grant Proposal

MTC Programming and Allocations Director Alix Bockelman briefed the Council on a proposal to allocate future STP-CMAQ discretionary funds in a way that would best support Plan Bay Area land use and housing policies. In concluding her presentation, Ms. Bockelman outlined the following next steps:

- Summer 2011: Release of draft concepts for Cycle 2 grant proposal and RHNA to Policy Advisory Council, RAWG, Partnership committees, working groups and public for review.
- Fall 2011: Committee review of refined Cycle 2 and RHNA proposals based on public and stakeholder input.
- December 2011: Adoption of Cycle 2 approach using Draft RHNA and funding commitments to MTC regional programs.
- February/March 2012: Adoption of Cycle 2 OneBayArea Grant programming using final RHNA factors.

Craig Goldblatt of MTC Programming and Allocations staff reported on comments from previous OneBayArea grant presentations to groups such as the Transit Finance Working Group, Local Streets & Roads, PTAC Committee, and discussions with CMA Directors. Mr. Goldblatt provided a high-level overview of concerns.

Chair Sandoval asked for clarification on the 70 percent being spent on PDAs, inquiring if it is in the aggregate or if it is 70 percent for each individual region. Mr. Goldblatt noted that every county needs to spend 70 percent of their allocated funds on PDAs.

The Council asked a variety of questions and had a discussion with staff regarding the process going forward; how housing units already entitled that cannot be built will be accounted for; how Growth Opportunity Areas (GOAs) and Priority Development Areas (PDAs) are defined and identified; the local implementation process; what happens in counties that have a lack of identified PDAs and if counties can continue to identify PDAs in the future; and whether projects will be subject to Title VI.

In addition, the Council made the following comments:

- The proposed new Livermore BART station will not be located at Vasco, but at Greenville.
- MTC is encouraged not to lose track of regional goals such as the Regional Bike Program.
- Most of the Council expressed support for the 70/30 percent split.
- Staff should also address the declining density of employment.
- Some Council members expressed concern that the formula would exclude smaller counties without PDAs from potential funding; perhaps counties with small populations should not be considered in the same way as larger counties.

OneBayArea Grant Proposal (continued)

Vice Chair Terplan made a motion that the Policy Advisory Council support staff's OneBayArea grant proposal that 70 percent of the money be allocated in Priority Development Areas. Mr. Hedges seconded, and the motion passed with one abstention.

Chair Sandoval recognized members of the public:

- East Palo Alto Mayor Carlos Romero expressed concern that East Palo Alto would not receive any money from this grant proposal, but added that he would like to see that policies created are long lasting.

Staff liaison Pam Grove asked for clarification on how to deliver the motion to Commission, and Chair Sandoval suggested forwarding a memorandum to the Commission.

Staff Liaison Report

Ms. Grove stated her report was revised and noted the yellow revised version that was distributed to members. She reminded the Council about the upcoming Plan Bay Area stakeholder meetings, adding that the spring Plan Bay Area CBO outreach results are now posted on the OneBayArea website. She also noted that the deadline for New Freedom grants was extended to Friday, September 2.

Council Member Reports

There were no reports from Council members.

New Business

Mr. Lopez raised concern regarding the Commission's vote to move their headquarters to San Francisco, noting that the matter was not presented to the Policy Advisory Council. He stated he feels it is incumbent upon MTC's executive office to present the item to the Council.

Mr. Lopez made a motion to agendize the proposed MTC relocation for the September Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robertson, and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Kinman made a motion to forward a memorandum to the Commission expressing the Council's concern that the decision to move was made without input from the Policy Advisory Council or the general public. Mr. Loring seconded the motion and it passed with two abstentions.

Adjournment/Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. The next Policy Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2011 in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, California.