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Legislation Committee

November 4, 2011

**Minutes**

Vice Chair Liccardo called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m. Committee members in attendance: Commissioners Azumbrado, Giacomini, Green, Halsted, 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, Campos and Wiener.

The **Minutes** of the October 14, 2011 meeting were approved after a motion by Commissioner Halsted and a second by Commissioner Spering. Chair Haggerty arrived after the approval of the October minutes and chaired the remainder of the meeting.

**MTC Public Involvement Activities**

The Committee received the report presented by Catalina Alvarado of MTC staff.

**Legislative History**

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

**Legislative Scorecard**

The Committee received the report from Ms. Long.

Commissioner Liccardo asked if MTC can continue to hold a position on the various infrastructure finance bills. Ms. Long noted that the current Administration does not support loosening the voter approval requirements on infrastructure financing districts, which makes the approval of the bills very difficult.

Commissioner Cortese asked for clarification on the status of AB 57 (Beall) — the bill to add two seats to MTC's board. Randy Rentschler of MTC staff noted that the bill passed the Assembly and is currently with the Senate Transportation & Housing Committee, chaired by Senator Mark DeSaulnier. Chair DeSaulnier is delaying the bill to hold three hearings: the first hearing was in San Jose on September 13; a second hearing is scheduled in the City of San Francisco on December 8. The third hearing is yet to be scheduled and will be in the City of Oakland. Commissioner Cortese requested the Committee be notified when the Oakland hearing is scheduled. Chair Haggerty directed staff to schedule a follow up meeting with the Mayor of San Jose.

Commissioner Bates commented that SB 310 (Hancock) was signed and includes infrastructure financing districts. He questioned why legislators oppose such measures if the money raised goes back to the communities that approve the measures. Regarding AB 57, Commissioner Bates commented that Senator DeSaulnier is not in favor of the bill.

Commissioner Worth asked what would happen to connectivity funds in light of Governor Brown's veto of AB 845 (Ma). Ms. Long explained that the budget provides an appropriation amount, then the Department of Finance determines how much of any bond sale goes to fund such appropriation. She explained that the veto reduces the amount of available appropriations. She noted that the main transit operators affected by the veto will be meeting with governor's staff and the California Transit Association on Monday, November 7.

Commissioner Wiener stressed the importance of continuing regional discussion on AB 57. He also noted the importance of MTC playing a lead role in CEQA reform since in some cases the process is being used inappropriately to delay projects.

### **2012 Draft Legislative Program**

The Committee received the report from Mr. Rentschler.

Commissioner Liccardo asked if there will be a return to source element on any regionally adopted congestion charge. Mr. Rentschler said the element will be included. Commissioner Liccardo also asked if the efforts to increase regional planning funds include funding for congestion management agencies (CMAs). Mr. Rentschler said yes.

Commissioner Campos asked what the specific strategies are for transit oriented development, specifically regarding equity considerations. Mr. Rentschler said staff would present specific ideas on TOD efforts at a later meeting. Chair Haggerty suggested adding an effort to charge a tax on rental cars to be used to fund transit services in the Legislative Program. Mr. Rentschler said staff would look into the idea and report back to the Committee.

Chair Haggerty recognized members of the public.

Duane De Witt recommended MTC perform a market area study that surveys users on how to make transit easier and cheaper to use. Chair Haggerty requested staff to provide Mr. De Witt with information about the Transit Sustainability Project.

Stuart Cohen, executive director of TransForm, announced a statewide campaign — [www.investintransit.org](http://www.investintransit.org) — asking California's leaders to make public transportation fast, frequent and affordable.

### **FY 2011-12 Federal Appropriations**

The Committee received the report from Mr. Rentschler.

### **Senate Hearing on MAP-21**

Mr. Rentschler announced that the Senate has yet to release a transportation authorization bill.

### **Tom Bulger's Report**

The Committee received the monthly report from Mr. Bulger as presented by Mr. Rentschler. Commissioner Liccardo noted that Mr. Bulger's report mentioned advocacy work for a full funding grant agreement for San Francisco's Third Street Central Subway project; however, it did not mention the full funding grant agreement for BART to San Jose. Mr. Rentschler assured the Committee that both projects are a top priority of Mr. Bulger's advocacy work.

**Other Business/Public Comment/Adjourn**

There was no other business. The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 9, 2011 at 9:45 a.m. in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, California.

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