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**MTC PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**December 9, 2011**  
**MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

Chair Sperring called the MTC Planning Committee meeting to order at 10:16 a.m. Planning Committee members in attendance were: Vice Chair Halsted, Commissioners Azumbrado, Giacopini, Green, Haggerty, Liccardo, Mackenzie, and Mullin. Commission Chair Tissier and Vice-Chair Rein-Worth were present in their ex-officio voting member capacity. Other Commissioners present as ad hoc members of the Committee were Bates, Campos, Cortese, Dodd, and Wiener.

ABAG Administrative Committee members in attendance were: Avalos, Green, Cortese, Gibson, Gingles, Gioia, Haggerty, Liccardo, Luce, Sperring, and Pierce.

**CONSENT CALENDAR: a) Minutes of November 4, 2011**

Commissioner Halsted moved approval of the Consent Calendar, Commissioner Green seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**PLAN BAY AREA: a) Draft Scenarios Assessment Results**

Mr. Ken Kirkey, ABAG, began the presentation with some background information. He noted that both committees adopted performance targets in January 2011, and scenario definitions in July 2011. Last month the Planning Committee reviewed project performance results.

Mr. Kirkey stated that there are five land use scenarios that have been tested: 1) Initial Vision Scenario, 2) Core Concentration, 3) Focused Growth, 4) Constrained Core Concentration, and 5) Outward Growth and two transportation scenarios: 1) T2035 Network, and 2) Core Transit Capacity Network. Land use Scenarios 1 and 5 are paired with the T2035 Network and land use Scenarios 2, 3, and 4 are paired with the Core Transit Capacity Network.

Mr. David Ory, MTC, summarized the project included in the Transportation 2035 Network and the Core Capacity Transit Network and presented the results of analyses on how each scenario fared against the adopted targets. The presentation also introduced eight policy initiatives, some of which may help MTC achieve the Bay Area's greenhouse gas emissions target and the results of the equity target analysis.

In closing, Mr. Kirkey reviewed the OneBayArea development schedule, which calls for approval of a preferred SCS in May 2012 and adoption of a final SCS in April 2013.

Committee comments:

- Commissioner Haggerty asked when talking about CO2 and particulate matter, what are the public health costs of not building a project? Mr. Heminger, MTC, referred to the presentation's comparison between the scenarios with and without transportation improvements and how they address the adopted targets, several which are health-related.
- Commissioner Azumbrado commented on the equity analysis, pointing out that while the staff analysis shows low income populations are paying 77% of their income on housing and transportation, many are being given housing financial support. This should be accounted for in the next round of analysis.
- Commissioner Mackenzie stated that the Sonoma County land use projections seem to be based on past trends. Mr. Rapport, ABAG, stated that Scenarios 1 and 2 assumes all housing demand can be satisfied without any in-commute. Scenarios 3-5 looked at what housing supply could be provided based on local input.
- Councilmember Pierce agreed with Commissioner Mackenzie. She asked what factors were included regarding the natural conversion of the market to electric vehicle and was there any thought given to tax credits for electric vehicle conversion. Mr. Ory stated that underlying emission estimates come from the Air Resource Board (ARB).
- Supervisor Luce would like staff to pay more attention to PM10.
- Commissioner Mullin asked if we are able to dial up these scenarios to move the GHG number closer to the longer term target. Mr. Heminger responded that staff will be further assessing ways to get more workers closer to jobs to bring down GHG emissions, among other measures.
- Commissioner Campos commented on the equity analysis scorecard, and asked what could be done for families who make less than \$30,000/year and that are spending 77% - 87% of their income on housing and transportation. Mr. Rapport stated that staff needs to further assess the data and will come back to the committees with proposed policy recommendations as appropriate.
- Commissioner Green commented on the performance targets and the policy initiatives. Mr. Chris Wornum, Cambridge Systematics, stated that the gross regional product target methodology uses a state-of-the-practice approach, and that MTC will be vetting those numbers and methodology with the Bay Area Council and other business stakeholders through the remainder of the RTP development process.
- Commissioner Azumbrado stated federal support for housing spends approximately \$30 billion a year in direct housing subsidy.

Public Comment:

- Ms. Stephanie Reyes, Greenbelt Alliance, stated that the regional agencies need to do everything they can to increase housing supply.
- Ms. Janet Spilman, SCTA, noted that that MTC is currently funding several of the policy strategies through the Climate Initiative.
- Mr. Rich Hedges stated that he prefers the Core Concentration Scenario, but unfortunately the transportation element of that is unconstrained. One of the most troubling outcomes is the housing and transportation cost for the low-income residents.

- Ms. Parisa Fatehi-Weeks, Public Advocates, expressed concern that low income households spend so much of their income on housing and transportation. As a result, over 30% of our communities of concern are at risk of displacement compared to 10% for the rest of the region. She requested some clarity about why those are so inconsistent.
- Mr. Manolo Gonzalez-Estay, TransForm, commented on the GHG levels, and was happy to hear Commissioner Green ask to assess how emissions could be reduced further. He encouraged the committee to look at a complete entire policy strategy list to maximize target adherence.
- Ms. Jenny Bard, American Lung Association, thanked staff for including performance air pollution metrics. She noted that high PM10 emissions are bad for public health, but PM2.5 is even worse, so she encouraged staff to look at reductions in PM2.5.

Commissioner Liccardo asked why VMT tax would not be included in the policy initiatives. Mr. Heminger stated that staff did previously analyze a very aggressive VMT fee but there was not much support for the idea. He stated that for a VMT to have some impact in the region, it needs to be quite high. Parking pricing is a more achievable pricing strategy because it's within the power of local government to impose.

Commissioner Spring encouraged staff to explain the performance target results charts at the upcoming public workshops. He also stated that staff should identify policy strategies that indicate what level of government is responsible for implementing those strategies.

Commissioner Mackenzie requested staff to include the committee comments/concerns in the public workshop discussion.

Councilmember Pierce suggested that staff include in the handouts a column that compares current conditions with the scenarios.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT**

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m. The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 13, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, CA.