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Legislation Committee  
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**Minutes**

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*Tom Azumbrado*  
U.S. Department of Housing  
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Association of Bay Area Governments

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Sonoma County and Cities

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Deputy Executive Director, Policy

*Andrew B. Fremier*  
Deputy Executive Director, Operations

Chair Haggerty called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. Committee members in attendance: Commissioners Giacomini, Green, Mackenzie and Spering. Commissioners Rein Worth and Tissier attended as ex-officio voting members. Also in attendance as ad hoc Committee members: Commissioners Bates and Kinsey.

Chair Haggerty asked that the following informational items be dispensed:

- MTC Policy Advisory Council Evaluation Results
- Legislative History
- FY 2012-13 State Budget
- Tom Bulger's Report

Commissioner Giacomini asked to have the Policy Advisory Council Evaluation Results be brought back to a future meeting.

The **Minutes** of the December 9, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Commissioner Spering and a second by Commissioner Mackenzie.

### **State & Federal Advocacy Meetings**

The Committee received the report presented by Randy Rentschler of MTC staff who gave an update about advocacy meetings for Sacramento and Washington D.C. MTC staff has been in contact with commissioners, assembly members and state senators to set up meetings.

Chair Haggerty encouraged commissioners to attend the Sacramento advocacy meetings as schedules allow.

Mr. Rentschler noted that Congress will not be in session in D.C. during the American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) conference in March, when MTC usually hosts a reception for Members of Congress, their staff, and senior Administration officials. However, he recommended that MTC move forward with the reception because our partner agencies in Southern California have expressed their desire to hold the reception.

Commissioner Tissier commented that she would like committee chairs to be given priority with respect to which commissioners ought to attend the Washington D.C. trip.

### **SB878 (DeSaulnier): Regional Planning**

SB878 would require the Joint Policy Committee – a subcommittee of representatives from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Association of Bay Area

Governments, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the Bay Conservation & Development Commission — as well as its individual member agencies — to prepare a number of new reports related to the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), including recommendations on organizational reform, regional economic development, and public and community outreach. Mr. Rentschler recommended a support and seek amendment position on the bill. Amendments sought would include extending the report deadline to 2014 and removal of the organizational reform provision.

Commissioner Spring questioned the staff recommendation rather than remaining neutral. He commented that once MTC supports a bill, even if it is seeking amendments, MTC will be listed as supporting the bill.

Chair Haggerty asked if MTC could simply seek amendments on the bill and not have a position, allowing him and MTC staff to engage Senator DeSaulnier in discussions regarding this bill.

Commissioner Green supported the first amendment to extend the deadline to 2014, but was not supportive of the second amendment to remove the organizational reform provision.

At this point in the meeting, Chair Haggerty excused himself, and the remainder of the meeting was chaired by Commissioner Tissier.

Commissioner Bates recommended opposing the bill — at a minimum, MTC should be neutral.

Chair Tissier agreed with Chair Haggerty's recommendation that MTC not take a position on SB 878 and instead discuss MTC's concerns with Senator DeSaulnier.

#### **Other Business/Public Comment/Adjourn**

There was no other business. The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 10, 2012 at 9:45 a.m. in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, California.