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Commissioner Haggerty called the meeting to order at 11:59 a.m. Committee members in attendance: Vice Chair Liccardo, and Commissioners Giacomini, Green, Mullin and Spering. Also in attendance as ad hoc non-voting Committee members: Commissioners Bates, Cortese and Dodd.

The **Minutes** of the February 17, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Commissioner Spring and a second by Commissioner Green.

Legislative History

The Committee received the report from Ms. Long. Mr. Rentschler also updated the committee on amendments to AB 57 (Beall) including:

- *The representative appointed by the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission shall be a member of the commission and a resident of the City and County of San Francisco, and shall be approved by the Mayor of San Francisco.*
- The following words were stricken from the bill - *The bill would, ~~effective with the commission term commencing February 2015,~~ prohibit more than 3 members of the commission from being residents of the same county, as specified.*

Chair Haggerty asked for confirmation on the provision in the bill that would prohibit more than three members of the commission from being residents of the same county. Mr. Rentschler confirmed.

Commissioner Cortese, recently appointed to BCDC, noted AB 57 (Beall) has not been discussed at BCDC. He suggested MTC staff ensure that BCDC is aware and has a discussion regarding the bill, especially as the amendment to the bill requires their appointment to MTC be made by the mayor of San Francisco. Mr. Rentschler replied that MTC has followed up with BCDC but that it is up to the bill authors' office to inform BCDC of the amendments.

Commissioner Giacomini inquired about the requirement for non-voting members. Mr. Heminger confirmed that the provision on residents of the same county applies only to voting members of the commission.

S.B. 1339 (Yee)

Ms. Rebecca Long reported that SB 1339 (Yee) is similar to a bill MTC co-sponsored with the Air District last year, SB 582, which was vetoed by the governor. The bill, which addresses some of the governor's concerns on SB 582, gives MTC and the Air District the ability to adopt an ordinance requiring employers with at least 50 employees to offer commute benefits to their employees.

Commissioner Liccardo moved and Commissioner Spring seconded a motion to support SB 1339 (Yee) and it was unanimously moved to Commission for approval.

S.B. 1545 (DeSaulnier)

SB 1545 (DeSaulnier) seeks to prohibit the use of public funds for the renovation of the new regional headquarters located at 390 Main Street in San Francisco until the state audit authorized by the Legislature is completed. Another provision of the bill requires a report be submitted to the Legislature upon completion of the audit that addresses issues raised, prior to spending money.

Commissioner Liccardo moved and Commissioner Spring seconded a motion to oppose SB 1545 (DeSaulnier).

Commissioner Green noted that he will not be supporting the motion and criticized the tone of the staff report.

Commissioner Spring commented that MTC should actively oppose this bill and asked for an amendment to the motion to ask MTC staff to develop a strategy to oppose SB 1545 (DeSaulnier).

Commissioner Liccardo seconded the amendment to the motion and the motion passed with 3 ayes and 2 noes, with Commissioners Green and Haggerty voting no. The bill was accordingly forwarded to Commission with the motion to oppose.

Update on Surface Transportation Reauthorization

The Committee received the report from Mr. Rentschler, who updated the committee on MAP-21, the US Senate's bill to authorize the transportation program for a 1.5 year period. Senate will be voting on Tuesday March 13th on this bill and is expected to pass.

Tom Bulger's Report

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

Regional Endorsement of Bay Area Projects for Federal Discretionary Grants

The Committee received the report from Mr. Folan of MTC staff.

Commissioner Green moved and Commissioner Spring seconded a motion to support the regional endorsement of Bay Area Projects for current federal discretionary programs and approval for MTC to submit applications for funding. The motion passed unanimously to forward this item to the Commission for approval.

Other Business/Public Comment/Adjourn

There was no other business. The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 13, 2012 at 10:15 a.m. in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, California.