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Policy Advisory Council  
May 9, 2012  
**Draft Minutes**

Chair Dolly Sandoval called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Other members in attendance were Naomi Armenta, Cathleen Baker, Richard Burnett, Carlos Castellanos, Bena Chang, Wilbert Din, Sandi Galvez, Richard Hedges, Dolores Jaquez, Linda Jeffery Sailors, Randi Kinman, Federico Lopez, Marshall Loring, Lori Reese-Brown, Gerald Rico, Frank Robertson and Egon Terplan. **Excused:** JoAnn Busenbark, Tanya Narath, Tina King Neuhausel and Kendal Oku. **Absent:** Yokia Mason.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the April 11, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Hedges and a second by Mr. Din.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Subcommittee Reports**

*Equity and Access Subcommittee*

Chair Armenta reported that the Equity and Access Subcommittee met earlier in the day and reviewed the proposed methodology for the 2013 TIP investment analysis. Once the analysis is complete, the results will be brought back before the full Policy Advisory Council. Ms. Armenta also gave a report from the Regional Equity Working Group meeting earlier that day, where they discussed two major items: the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) proposal and Plan Bay Area draft preferred scenario equity analysis results. The working group was pleased that the preferred scenario analysis shows better results than those from the alternative scenarios; however, the group is still concerned about disparities that are not being reduced within the communities of concern. The working group also expressed interest in finding ways to encourage cities and counties to provide affordable housing.

**Title VI Update**

Denise Rodrigues of MTC staff presented the Draft Final Clipper<sup>®</sup> Title VI Summary Report, including analysis findings, revisions and mitigations to the Clipper<sup>®</sup> program.

The Council had the following comments regarding the report:

- Clipper staff was commended on the advancements in the ease of Clipper® card use for the blind and disabled community over the previous system.
- Concern was expressed as to whether a disparate impact analysis was conducted for senior and disabled users and, if so, how it was done.
- Input appears to be focused in San Francisco and does not include transit agencies in communities with problems of accessibility (i.e., WestCAT and other smaller operators, or the suburban senior community of Rossmoor in Walnut Creek).
- Since the Regional Transit Connection (RTC) Clipper® card is the only means of access to discount fares for people with disabilities, staff is encouraged to continue to work to incorporate it as part of the same system as the regular Clipper® card in order to alleviate disparities created by the use of a separate system.
- Suggest accepting ADA paratransit certification or certification from a case worker or rehab counselor as eligibility criteria for an RTC card, as opposed to the current requirement for medical certification. Certification for paratransit is now done on a more functional level, and transit ridership should be considered at the same level in order to encourage the use of fixed route transit.
- Suggest including county social services agencies (along with community-based and faith-based organizations) in future Clipper® outreach efforts.
- Continue to explore ways to increase Clipper® distribution to unbanked customers.

Ms. Rodrigues presented the Title VI update, and the Council had no specific comments.

### **Plan Bay Area: Draft Preferred Scenario**

MTC and ABAG presented the key elements that make up the Draft Preferred Scenario of Plan Bay Area, feedback staff has received on those elements, and the resulting draft proposal going before the joint MTC Planning Committee/ABAG Administrative Committee at its May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Miriam Chion of ABAG staff presented the land use and housing component of Plan Bay Area's Draft Preferred Scenario; Theresa Romell of MTC staff presented the transportation investment strategy; Dave Vautin of MTC staff gave an update on the performance targets and equity analysis results; and Craig Goldblatt of MTC staff gave an update on the revisions to the OneBayArea Grant (OBAG) proposal.

The Council had the following comments:

- Encourage ABAG to create specific land use policies that may be actions for local governments to take but also could be modeled by ABAG for the region, such as drafting urban growth boundaries, identifying where densities are sufficiently low and areas where they should be increased, and writing draft zoning ordinances for industrial land preservation.
- Disagree with staff's proposed language regarding new/small starts reserve funding for the North and East Bay. Only the region's very best and competitive projects should be forwarded to the Federal Transportation Administration, rather than projects in a specific geographic area.
- The ideas put forth to close the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions gap are still too focused on vehicles; however, it is good to focus on price per ton of GHG reduced as a metric and a criteria for inclusion.

### **Plan Bay Area: Draft Preferred Scenario (Continued)**

- Generally support funding for Freeway Performance Initiatives, including HOT lanes; could also allow faster speed limits in HOT lanes to encourage their use.
- MTC and ABAG staffs should provide assistance to the Congestion Management Agencies (CMAs) with affordable housing development.
- Due to the potential GHG reduction benefits, further examination should be made around implementing a 55 mph speed limit.
- When CMAs present their Priority Development Area (PDA) growth and investment strategy, there should be a clear expectation on what they are expected to present as well as any corrective actions that could come from MTC.
- Jurisdictions should be asked to analyze the barriers they face when building housing and denser jobs and what policies should be enacted to address those barriers.
- Each jurisdiction should have a clear plan on how they will implement (not just adopt) the affordable housing element in their general plan.
- Suggest using some of the Freeway Performance Initiative (FPI) funds for automatic enforcement of the 55 mph speed limit.

During the discussion, the Council made two motions, with results as follows:

- Motion made by Mr. Terplan and seconded by Ms. Kinman that the Policy Advisory Council strongly disagree with staff's proposed language to reserve funds for North and East Bay projects, and to put forth the best projects regionally, rather than select projects in a geographic region. The motion failed with four ayes and twelve noes.
- Motion made by Mr. Hedges and seconded by Mr. Loring to urge the Commission to use the Plan Bay Area EIR process to further analyze the full impact of a 55 mph speed limit, including its effectiveness in terms of cost per ton of greenhouse gases (GHG) reduced, as well as potential ways to implement and enforce this policy. The motion passed with 12 ayes, two noes and one abstention.

### **Staff Liaison Report**

The Council received the report given by staff liaison Pam Grove.

### **Council Member Reports**

Mr. Hedges provided a copy of two articles for the Council about housing being developed at the former Bay Meadows site in San Mateo County and near the Pleasanton BART station.

Ms. Armenta noted that she attended the Disability Rights & Education Defense Fund anniversary celebration and fundraiser at the Ed Roberts Campus last Tuesday with Pam Grove and Sri Srinivasan of MTC staff. There were three speakers who gave a great historical retrospect on events surrounding the creation of the Section 504, which predated the Americans with Disabilities Act.

### **Council Member Reports (Continued)**

Mr. Loring reported that he attended the monthly Paratransit Coordinated Council meeting in San Mateo County where they announced they were organizing a public outreach program to increase awareness of paratransit and transit within the disabled and disadvantaged communities. They are planning to create a special newsletter, which he will forward to the Council.

Mr. Din shared that he recently served on the San Francisco Lifeline Evaluation panel, and also participated in the Transit Effectiveness Project to increase Muni speed.

Ms. Baker announced that Gil Peñalosa (former commissioner of Parks, Sports and Recreation for the City of Bogotá, Colombia) will be in the Bay Area on June 4, and she will provide further details of his visit.

Ms. Sandoval thanked Ms. Chang for hosting a great lunch for the San Jose BART groundbreaking, followed by a ceremony attended by Diane Feinstein.

### **New Business**

Mr. Castellanos suggested the Council receive a future report on the High School Internship, including details of the summer program kick off meeting. Ms. Grove suggested the closing ceremony; which occurs at the end of the program, would be a better event for the Council members to attend, and she agreed to include an update on the program for the Council as soon as possible.

### **Adjournment/Next Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m. The next Policy Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2012 in the Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, California.