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Legislation Committee

July 13, 2012

Minutes

Chair Haggerty called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. Committee members in attendance: Vice Chair Liccardo, Commissioners Green, Halsted, Mackenzie and Mullin. Commissioner Tissier attended as an ex-officio voting member. Also in attendance as an ad hoc non-voting committee member: Commissioner Campos.

Consent Calendar

Commissioner Mackenzie moved and Commissioner Halsted seconded the motion to approve the consent calendar with the exception of Item 2c — Legislative History.

Legislative History & FY 2012-13 State Budget

Randy Rentschler of MTC staff announced that AB 57 (Beall) was signed into law by Governor Brown today (July 13, 2012). At Chair Haggerty's request, he also briefly presented Agenda Item 3 on the state budget, noting that the Legislature passed SB 1029, which appropriates federal grant funds and Prop 1A funds for California High-Speed Rail and local rail improvement and connectivity projects, consistent with the memorandum of understanding MTC approved in March 2012 (MTC Resolution 4056).

Surface Transportation Reauthorization: MAP 21

The Committee received the report from Mr. Rentschler and Ms. Long. Commissioner Liccardo inquired whether the newly passed MAP-21, valid through federal fiscal year 2014, offered any unanticipated opportunities for the Bay Area. Mr. Rentschler stated that the biggest new opportunity in MAP 21 is increased funding and flexibility in the TIFIA loan program, a program likely to especially benefit larger urban areas. Ms. Long added that MAP 21 also authorizes another TIGER-like competitive grant program for projects of national and regional significance but Congress will need to identify additional funding for the program. Commissioner Green noted that Alameda County should be well-positioned to benefit from the TIFIA program with the new sales tax measure on the ballot in November.

Tom Bulger's Report

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

Other Business/Public Comment/Adjourn

There was no other business. The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 14, 2012 at 10:15 a.m. in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, California.