

# TRANSIT FINANCE WORKING GROUP (TFWG)

## MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 5, 2012

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### 1. Introductions

*Rob Thompson, (WestCAT)* requested introductions from the attendees.

### 2. Approval of August 1, 2012 Minutes

The minutes for August 1, 2012 were approved.

### 3. Legislative Update

Rebecca Long (MTC) reported

AB 1706 – The bill which extends the time frame for when rigorous bus axle weight limits will be in effect is currently on the Governor's desk.

AB 492 – The bill which expands civil penalty provisions for fare evasion is on the Governor's desk. Revenues will go to the county not transit.

Cap and Trade – Rumors that the Governor may veto in order to retain flexibility with revenues.

CEQA Reform – The environmental community is persuading not to rush it, but there is interest in both parties to expedite the CEQA process.

Map 21 – Caltrans is putting together a working group and is interested in hearing ideas on transit. If any TFWG members have any ideas contact Rebecca Long who is on the working group with Caltrans.

### 4. FY 13 - FY 14 TCP Policy Update

*Glen Tepke (MTC)* provided a draft of the proposed TCP policy resolution that respond to comments made by TFWG at the June and August TFWG meetings. A call for projects will be issued in September for project proposals for FY13 and FY14.

A working group member inquired about flex funding opportunities. Glen stated that staff's proposal was not to program flexible set aside because of upcoming high scoring needs. However, there are still some opportunities for flexibility.

### 5. Fiscal Year 2012-13 Fund Estimate Revisions

*Adam Noelting (MTC)* reported on updated revenue figures for the FY 2012 – FY 2013 Fund Estimate.

### 6. Prop 1B Update: Transit (PTMISEA) and Transit Security (CTSGP)

*Amy Burch (MTC)* reminded the working group that if they do not use the funds within six months of allocation, Caltrans has the right to take back the funds or no requests from that operator would go through until the previous funds are used. Amy also reported on upcoming Prop 1B deadlines:

- Due to Caltrans by August 15, 2012: Semi-annual reports for PTMISEA projects
- Due to Caltrans October 5, 2012: Allocation requests for new FY 10-11 PTMISEA Projects.
- Due to CalEMA October 31, 2012: Performance reports for all open projects.

George Fink stated that CalEMA is still allocating to rail, but they can't claim it directly. They are currently working with SJCOG.

WETA reported that they still have not received FY11 funds, but others have received theirs. There are rumors that funds are received based on previous performance. However, since they have not received their funds yet it is affecting the project's progress.

### 7. 2013 TIP Development

*Sri Srinivasan (MTC)* reported that MTC staff is recommending deferral of the 2013 TIP adoption to achieve better alignment with the Plan Bay Area development schedule. Staff is proposing to amend the current TIP to include funding in the outer years of the 2011 TIP (FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14) for projects requiring near-term federal action. In order to meet the October 1 deadline, please have your revisions to the 2011 TIP to Sri or Adam Crenshaw by September 10.

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#### **8a. FHWA Earmarks Reprogramming**

*Craig Goldblatt (MTC)* reported that USDOT is making available \$473 million in unspent highway earmarks. There are 11 projects in the Bay Area region. The state has until October 1 to decide how to deal with the released funds and Caltrans is looking to MPOs to work with the operators. Caltrans has already contacted the sponsors listed. If there are any project updates or proposed replacement projects sponsors are asked to work with Sri Srinivasan on TIP revisions.

#### **8b. FTA Title VI Circular**

*Glen Tepke (MTC)* shared a link from FTA on information for grantees on DOT's newly-released Title VI regulations.

#### **8c. FTA Transit in Parks NOFA**

*Glen Tepke (MTC)* provided information on what might be the last NOFA for a while from FTA on transit in federal park lands.

#### **8d. FTA Grants Status**

*Glen Tepke (MTC)* provided MTC's internal tracking sheet for FTA grants. At this point it's too late to submit a grant before TEAM closes at the end of September.

Santa Rosa stated that grant CA-95-X209 should be CMAQ not STP.

There has been no word on the announcement of the Clean Fuels program, but there is a rumor that it may be announced in late September.

#### **9. Recommended Future Agenda Items**

- Glen Tepke (MTC) proposes holding a workshop in Fall 2012 apart from TFWG on Transit Asset Management (TAM). The purpose would be to compare notes on different approaches to State of Good Repair program, TAM pilot project program and the new TAM reporting conditions for Map 21.

#### **Next Transit Finance Working Group Meeting:**

October 3, 2012

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

MTC, 1st Floor, Room 171

101-8<sup>th</sup> St, Oakland 94607