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Policy Advisory Council
October 10, 2012
Draft Minutes

Equity and Access Subcommittee Chair Naomi Armenta called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. Chair Sandoval and Vice-Chair Terplan were unable to be in attendance. Other members in attendance were Cathleen Baker, Jim Blacksten, Richard Burnett, Carlos Castellanos, Bena Chang, Elizabeth Clary, Wilbert Din, Sandi Galvez, Richard Hedges, Dolores Jaquez, Linda Jeffery Sailors, Randi Kinman, Federico Lopez, Kendal Oku and Frank Robertson. **Excused:** Yokia Mason, Tina King Neuhausel, Gerald Rico, Dolly Sandoval and Egon Terplan. **Absent:** Joanne Busenbark, Marshall Loring, Tanya Narath, Lori Reese-Brown and Alan Talansky.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the September 12, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Hedges and a second by Mr. Din. Ms. Armenta abstained from the vote, as she was not in attendance at the September meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Subcommittee Reports

Randi Kinman reported that the Equity and Access Subcommittee did not meet today. The Regional Equity Working Group met and had further discussion about the TIP analysis that was presented to the Council in July.

Policy Advisory Council 2012-2013 Work Plan

The 2012-2013 work plan that was discussed and drafted at the October workshop with the Commission was presented to the Council for final adoption.

Ms. Kinman commented that while the items in the proposed work plan were agreed upon at the workshop with the Commission, it does not preclude the Council from addressing other issues that may arise during the year.

The 2012-2013 Policy Advisory Council work plan was unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Hedges and a second by Mr. Blacksten.

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MAP-21 Overview

Rebecca Long presented an overview of the Brown Administration's proposal for implementing Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) in FY 2013 and proposed alternatives under discussion by the statewide MAP-21 Working Group.

MTC Draft 2013 Legislative Program

Rebecca Long asked the Council to provide preliminary input on potential topics to include in MTC's 2013 Draft Legislative Program. In particular, Ms. Long asked the Council to consider suggestions that would encourage transit-oriented development (TOD), expedite project delivery and reform the California Environmental Quality Act, improve bicycle and pedestrian safety, or reduce the combined cost of transportation and housing.

The Council brainstormed possible advocacy topics for inclusion in the 2013 program and provided staff with the following feedback:

- Consider/support CEQA reform that would have positive benefits. MTC should also take the lead on facilitating public meetings to ensure the public is included in discussions that would lead to positive CEQA reform.
- Allow a TOD height bonus (similar to the density bonus).
- Impose requirements for employee parking in mixed-use development areas (such as employee valet parking).
- Discuss parking pricing reforms.
- Incentivize employers to encourage their employees to take transit.
- MTC should support or examine solutions to replace redevelopment funding, support value capture mechanisms in future redevelopment options, and support requirements to reduce blight as a result of redevelopment.
- MTC should pursue/reintroduce a bill that requires safe passing distance for bicyclists.
- MTC should consider how local jurisdictions can create more transportation access to jobs.
- MTC should consider promote local jurisdictions to do more of the upfront entitlement work to prepare land to be more marketable for building affordable housing.
- MTC should pursue increased fines for illegal parking and should look at ways to improve the DMV's process for issuing disability placards.
- MTC should continue to discuss ways to resolve the issue of cars without license plates.
- Staff should give the Council an overview of legislators in Sacramento and what bills they are sponsoring.

Ms. Long stated that the draft legislative program will be presented to the Council for review in November. The draft document will also be presented to the November Legislative Committee and will go before the full Commission for adoption at its December meeting. There may be some changes that are made to the program between the draft and final after soliciting feedback.

Staff Liaison Report

Staff liaison Pam Grove presented her report to the Council.

Council Member Reports

Ms. Jeffery Sailors announced the first scoping meeting for the BART to Livermore project was recently held.

Ms. Chang announced that on Saturday, October 27th, the Silicon Valley Leadership Group will host a TOD tour which will include Santa Clara VTA light rail stations in Sunnyvale, North and Downtown San Jose. She will forward the details for distribution by staff.

Mr. Hedges announced the San Mateo County Housing Leadership Council's Annual Housing Day will be held on October 26th at Oracle; a light breakfast and lunch will be included.

Mr. Din announced that there will be a press conference on October 11th to announce the granting of the full funding agreement for the Central Subway in San Francisco, and Nancy Pelosi will be in attendance.

New Business

There was no new business from council members.

Adjournment/Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m. The next Policy Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2012 in the Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, California.