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**Programming and Allocations Committee**  
**October 10, 2012**  
**Minutes**

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U.S. Department of Housing  
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Sonoma County and Cities

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State Business, Transportation  
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Solano County and Cities

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*Steve Heminger*  
Executive Director

*Ann Flemer*  
Deputy Executive Director, Policy

*Andrew B. Fremier*  
Deputy Executive Director, Operations

Vice Chair Campos called the meeting to order at approximately 10:51 a.m. Committee members present were: Commissioners Bates, Cortese, and Dodd. Commissioners Tissier and Rein-Worth were present as ex-officio voting members of the Committee. Other Commissioners present as ad hoc non-voting members of the Committee were: Giacopini, Green, Haggerty, Halsted, Mackenzie, and Spering.

**Consent Calendar**

The Committee unanimously approved the following consent items after a motion by Commissioner Cortese and a second by Commissioner Dodd:

- Minutes of the September 12, 2012 meeting;
- Proposition 1B – Transit: Program Update to Include Fund Transfers. MTC Resolution Nos. 3814, Revised and 3880, Revised; and
- Proposed allocation of approximately \$3.7 million in Regional Measure 2 (RM2) funds. MTC Resolution No. 3664, Revised.

In addition, the Committee received one item for information: Quarterly Report of Executive Director's Delegated Authority Actions.

**Regional**

- *Regional Measure 2 Capital Program Update.*

Shruti Hari, Programming and Allocations Section, presented the status of capital projects in the Regional Measure 2 Program for the second half of FY2011-12.

Commissioner Green commented that reference to the Dumbarton Rail project should be consistent with that of AC Transit, when referring to Alameda County Measure B1, where the shortfall for the Dumbarton Rail project would be cut in half if the Measure passes.

Commissioner Haggerty requested that staff provide an estimate of savings for construction of the 2009 BART Warm Springs tunnel project and any other projects in which a significant savings was realized so that people know that MTC's strategy to accelerate projects during a favorable bidding climate was successful in terms of construction savings. Mr. Heminger commented that staff will provide this information and that he recalls that when the BART project was awarded it was about 40% below estimate, which was a considerable savings due to the economic downturn.

Commissioner Mackenzie commented that the SMART rail project is well underway through Rohnert Park and moving south towards Petaluma.

This item was presented for information only.

### **State**

- *Allocate FY2012-13 Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds to SamTrans, BART, and CCCTA. MTC Resolution Nos. 4061, Revised, and 4062, Revised.*

Cheryl Chi, Programming and Allocations Section, presented an allocation request in the amount of \$60.3 million for SamTrans, BART, and Central Contra Costa Transit Authority (CCCTA) to support transit operations.

The Committee, upon the motion of Commissioner Cortese with a second by Commissioner Bates, unanimously approved the referral of MTC Resolution Nos. 4061, Revised and 4062, Revised to the Commission for approval.

### **Federal**

- *Transit Capital Priorities Policy for FY2012-13 and FY2013-14 FTA Formula Funds, and Cycle 2 STP/CMAQ Transit Capital Rehabilitation Funds and Transit Performance Initiative Funding Proposal. MTC Resolution No. 4072.*

Glen Tepke and Kenneth Folan, Programming and Allocations Section, presented staff's recommendation to establish a Transit Capital Priorities (TCP) policy that reflects changes to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) programs under the MAP-21 authorization; set annual funding levels for the Transit Performance Initiative (TPI) incentive and investment programs; and approve the FY2012-13 transition year Transit Performance Initiative (TPI) incentive program formula based on each operator's share of ridership.

There were eight public comments.

- Bob Allen of Urban Habitat commented that he is pleased to see that the plan focuses on ridership within the incentive and investment programs. He further commented that he is very supportive of operators having local control over how they form the pilot programs so that the focus is not solely focused on increasing ridership.
- Teresa Molina, Darnell Boyd, Gloria Esteva, Antonio Armado-Vas, and Earnest Stokes of POWER spoke in support of the Transit Performance Initiative incentive program that would allow operators to develop low income youth pilot programs.
- Joe Rye, City of Petaluma commented on the incentive funding and urged staff to modify Scenario B or develop additional scenarios that would allow small operators to choose the scenario that would best fit their system.
- Angelina Yu, Chinatown Community Development Center, spoke in support of the Transit Performance Initiative.

Commissioner Rein-Worth asked that staff provide more background on the methodology for developing the funding options so that Commissioners are able to compare and determine the impact. Mr. Heminger stated that staff will provide that information and pointed out that the numbers presented are simply an illustration looking backward at the downturn of the economy and Commissioners will be asked, at the end of the year, to implement the plan going forward based on the recovery of the economy. He further stated that the two scenarios presented, based on an

absolute increase in ridership and an increase in passengers and passengers per hour, were established to avoid unintended results and additional scenarios may be presented at a later date.

Commissioner Haggerty expressed concern about Scenario B and asked for clarification. Mr. Heminger explained that Scenario B was developed at the request of the Commission to hold the small operators harmless and the choice is whether the small operators want to compete or if they would rather be held harmless with no risk up or down. Commissioner Haggerty further commented that some of the large systems are dependent on the productivity of some of the smaller systems. Mr. Heminger further commented that the more focus the operators have on productivity and ridership the better.

Commissioner Mackenzie commented that he would like to see the concerns raised by Joe Rye of City of Petaluma during public comment addressed by staff.

Commissioner Campos asked, for purposes of clarification, if voting on the recommendations before the Committee would preclude resolution of these issues going forward. Mr. Heminger explained that the Committee is being asked to approve and forward a recommendation to the Commission to include the baseline year funding that could be used by any operator to pursue a pilot pass program. The formula for future years is not expected to be voted on today and was presented today to raise discussion and comments. Staff will bring a proposal back to the Committee in December for approval after reviewing those options with the transit agencies.

Commissioner Green suggested giving equal weight to passenger increase, passengers per hours increase, and total passengers.

The Committee, upon the motion of Commissioner Bates with a second by Commissioner Cortese, unanimously approved the referral of MTC Resolution No. 4072 to the Commission for approval.

- *Cycle 2 OneBayArea Grant Program Update. MTC Resolution No. 4035, Revised.*

Craig Goldblatt, Programming and Allocations Section, presented several recommended changes to the OneBayArea Grant (OBAG) Program including: an update to the project listings to reflect project selections; a revision to the Priority Development Area Investment and Growth Strategy; and an update the County OBAG Program fund distribution based on the final RHNA methodology adopted by ABAG in July 2012.

Commissioner Dodd commented that he would like staff to develop an appeals process to approach the Commission should there be concerns about the county OBAG project selection process. Ms. Bockelman commented that the self-certification process for the CMAs is a checklist that certifies that they are meeting all of the requirements of OBAG. Mr. Heminger suggested that the appeals process be on a case by case basis if Commissioners raise specific concerns. Additionally, Commissioner Dodd asked for the status on an amendment that Commissioner Haggerty sought in May for CMA Planning funds. Mr. Heminger explained that the \$70 million, that was the subject of Commissioner Haggerty's motion, exists over 25 years in the plan and starts after the OBAG period ends.

Commissioner Haggerty commented that he did not recall that additional funding would not be available until the second round of OBAG and asked if there is a way to go back and identify more

money to get the planning done. Mr. Heminger explained that the money does not exist in the first four years given anticipated federal funding per MAP-21. He noted that within OBAG, there is a \$40 million PDA grant program that is going to be the subject of some further discussion about how MTC divides the money.

Commissioner Rein-Worth requested that staff communicate with the counties when they know what the total funding numbers will be. Ms. Bockelman commented that the funding numbers were updated and provided to the CMA Directors as noted in Appendix A-1.

Commissioner Green suggested caution in the development of an appeals process for Commissioners on behalf of their CMAs.

The Committee, upon the motion of Commissioner Cortese with a second by Commissioner Bates, unanimously approved the referral of MTC Resolution No. 4035 to the Commission for approval.

### **California Transportation Commission Update**

The Committee received, in writing, updates on the California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting held on September 27 in Burlingame, CA.

### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

Commissioner Campos adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:08 p.m.