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Vice-chair Liccardo called the meeting to order at 11:41 a.m. Committee members in attendance: Commissioners Halsted, Mackenzie, Pirzynski, Quan and Spering. Commissioner Worth attended as an ex-officio voting member. Also in attendance as ad hoc non-voting committee members: Commissioners Bates, Cortese and Wiener.

Chair Haggerty joined the meeting at 11:44 a.m., vice-chair Liccardo continued to chair the remainder of the meeting.

Consent Calendar

Commissioner Spering moved and Commissioner Halsted seconded the motion to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed unanimously.

FY 2013-2013 State Budget

Rebecca Long, MTC staff, presented an overview of the transportation elements of the Governor's budget proposal. No big budget deficit forecast.

SCA 4 (Liu)

Rebecca Long presented SCA 4 (Liu), a constitutional amendment to lower the 2/3 vote threshold for local transportation taxes to 55 percent and MTC's recommendation to support and seek amendments to establish the voting threshold at 50 percent plus one vote. Ms. Long also reported on another bill that was submitted, SCA 8 (Corbett), which is identical to SCA 4.

Commissioner Haggerty moved that the committee support and seek amendments on SCA 4 and any other senate bill that is identical to SCA 4 and refer to the full Commission for approval. Commissioner Worth seconded the motion.

Commissioner Worth directed staff to research whether the language of the bills would apply to tax measures that fund transportation programs and services, as well as specific projects.

Commissioner Spering noted that he will not support to seek an amendment to establish the voting threshold at 50 percent plus one vote. Chair Haggerty amended his motion to support the senate bills without amendment. Commissioner Worth seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

State & Federal Advocacy Meetings

Randy Rentschler presented the plan for legislative advocacy meetings planned for Sacramento & Washington DC.

State & Federal Advocacy Meetings (continued)

Sacramento Advocacy – Staff recommended that MTC host a luncheon for Commissioners and all members of the Senate and the Bay Area’s Assembly delegation on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 in Sacramento.

Commissioner Spering suggested staff consider hosting a reception in the early evening hours, rather than a luncheon. Mr. Rentschler noted that staff is looking into the best possible venue for the most participation from commissioners as well as senate and assembly members. Chair Haggerty supported the luncheon, pointing out that members are involved in many activities in the evening, and may not be available for the whole period of time.

Washington DC Advocacy – Staff recommended that MTC host a reception in Washington DC, scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2013, coinciding with the American Public Transportation Association’s annual legislative conference (set for March 10-12th, 2013).

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, and no public comment. The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 8, 2013 at 10:15 a.m. in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, California.