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Policy Advisory Council  
January 9, 2013  
**Draft Minutes**

Chair Dolly Sandoval called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. Members in attendance were Naomi Armenta, Cathleen Baker, Jim Blacksten, Richard Burnett, Carlos Castellanos, Elizabeth Clary, Wilbert Din, Sandi Galvez, Richard Hedges, Dolores Jaquez, Linda Jeffery Sailors, Randi Kinman, Federico Lopez, Marshall Loring, Tina King Neuhausel, Kendal Oku, Lori Reese-Brown, Gerald Rico, and Alan Talansky. **Excused:** Tanya Narath. **Absent:** Joanne Busenbark, Bena Chang, Yokia Mason, and Frank Robertson.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the December 12, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Hedges and a second by Mr. Loring.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Subcommittee Reports**

Ms. Armenta reported that the Equity and Access Subcommittee received a background report from staff on the update to the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. A draft of the update to the plan is now available on MTC's web site and will be available for public review until March 8. The Draft Coordinated Plan includes sections on gaps, solutions and regional strategies, with a focus on mobility management solutions and strategies, alternatives to ADA transportation, improvements to fixed route transportation, and improvements to pedestrian issues to allow better access to fixed route transportation. Staff also highlighted the wave of seniors that has now arrived, stating the current estimate of 800,000 seniors is expected to grow to nearly 2 million seniors by the year 2040.

Staff will solicit comments on the plan at the subcommittee's next meeting, and the subcommittee will bring any recommendations to the Council in February.

Ms. Armenta also announced that beginning this month, all Equity and Access Subcommittee meetings will be posted to the MTC web site.

The Equity Working Group did not meet this month.

## **Regional Priority Development Area (PDA) Planning Program Update**

MTC planner Therese Trivedi gave the Council an update on the regional Priority Development Area (PDA) planning program, reminding the Council of the Commission's decision last November to redirect \$20 million of the \$40 million in OneBayArea grant funds to the region's Congestion Management Agencies for local PDA planning activities. Following her presentation, she outlined three staff-proposed options for the use of the remaining \$20 million, and asked the Council for comments and feedback. The options – along with the Council's recommendation and comments – will go before the joint MTC Planning/ABAG Administrative Committee at their meeting this Friday, January 11, and a final decision is expected by the Commission in February.

The Council asked clarifying questions and then made the following comments:

- Priority should be given to funding for Transit-Oriented Affordable Housing (TOAH) projects.
- Priority should be given to those jurisdictions that take on the majority of growth as part of Plan Bay Area.
- Regarding the San Leandro Boulevard improvements, San Leandro is a model area for accessibility.
- It is important for the Policy Advisory Council to make a statement about the value of the Commission making regional decisions.
- There is an unending need for housing dollars, and it is therefore appropriate for MTC to prioritize the needs.
- Consideration should be given to using TOAH funds to leverage federal Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) funds.
- Consideration should be given to using a different dollar split under the first option (the suggestion was to consider \$10M for TOAH projects and \$8M for PDA planning).
- MTC should standardize how funds are deployed by various lending entities.
- MTC should produce high-level guidelines for housing near transit requirements.
- Target rental rates for these units should be consistent (and tied to income levels, not market rates).
- Concern was expressed about approving loans for projects that aren't ready (requirements regarding readiness should be included as part of the application process).
- The Council should be given a chance to review the TOAH guidelines and funding.
- The Council should be presented with the criteria for the CMAs and how it will be implemented.
- MTC should continue to push the regional perspective by using its position in reviewing the PDA growth and investment strategies to make sure they are strong.
- Several Council members stated a preference for the first option.

Upon motion by Rich Hedges, second by Jim Blacksten and following discussion, the Council voted to recommend Option 1 with the modified amounts of \$8M for PDA planning and \$10M for TOAH projects.

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**Regional Priority Development Area (PDA) Planning Program Update (continued)**

Upon motion by Carlos Castellanos, second by Rich Hedges and following discussion, the Council unanimously voted to recommend the Commission prioritize the \$8M in PDA planning funds for those jurisdictions that take on a majority of the future job and housing growth.

### **Staff Liaison Report**

Staff liaison Pam Grove presented her report to the Council.

### **Council Member Reports**

Dolores Jaquez reported that on January 1<sup>st</sup>, Joe Bischofberger, a former MTC advisor, passed away at the age of 70.

Rich Hedges gave a brief comparison of the Los Angeles region's TAP card and the San Francisco area's Clipper cards, commenting that each has positive and negative attributes.

Egon Terplan reported briefly that he and Alix Bockelman, MTC's Director of Programming and Allocations, gave a presentation to the California Transportation Commission on some of the outcomes of the San Francisco region's Transit Sustainability Project. He also asked for information about MTC's newest Commissioners, and Ann Flemer updated the Council briefly.

### **New Business**

Rich Hedges asked about future funding of electric charging stations through grants and public private partnerships and whether the Council can receive a report. Lori Reese-Brown commented on free charging stations available in certain cities, and Randi Kinman recommended a mapping system for stations, possibly connected to 511. Ann Flemer responded that staff can ask Air District staff to give a presentation as future Council agendas permit.

### **Adjournment/Next Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m. The next Policy Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2013 in the Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, California.