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Programming and Allocations Committee
May 8, 2013
Minutes

Chair Glover called the meeting to order at approximately 11:23 a.m. Committee members present were: Vice Chair Campos, Commissioners Bates, Dodd, Pirzynski, Quan, Tissier, and Wiener. Commission Chair Worth and Vice Chair Cortese were present as ex-officio voting members of the Committee. Other Commissioners present as ad hoc non-voting members of the Committee were: Giacopini, Haggerty, Halsted, Mackenzie, and Spering.

Consent Calendar

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

- Minutes of the April 10, 2013 meeting;
- 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 2011-35. MTC Resolution No. 3975, Revised;
- FTA Section 5310 Elderly and Disabled Specialized Transit Program FY2011-12 Regional Priorities. MTC Resolution No. 4096;
- Renewal of Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (CTSA) Designation for Santa Clara County, to Outreach and Escort, Inc. MTC Resolution No. 4097;
- FY2012-13 Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Operating Program Revision to add funds for Dumbarton Bus Service, revise Clipper® Marketing Programs for FY2012-13 and program marketing funds to NCTPA. MTC Resolution No. 4058, Revised;
- Allocation of \$780,000 in RM2 Capital funds towards implementation support for the Regional Commuter Benefits Program. MTC Resolution No. 3685, Revised; and
- Programming revisions to the Cycle 2 OneBayArea Grant (OBAG) Program. MTC Resolution No. 4035, Revised.

Regional

- *FY2013-14 RM2 Operating Program and RM2 Operating Program Update. MTC Resolution No. 4098.*

Christina Verdin, MTC Programming and Allocations Section, presented an update on the performance of RM2-funded routes and recommendations for FY2013-14 programming.

Commissioner Haggerty commented that LAVTA has been working to improve farebox recovery for the Rapid Express Bus Service and questioned what the consequences could be in the event they do not meet the minimum requirements. Mr. Heminger explained that performance measures are an important standard of RM2, but that the Commission can decide whether or not to continue funding non-performing routes.

The Committee, upon the motion of Commissioner Bates with a second by Commissioner Campos, unanimously approved the referral of MTC Resolution No. 4098 to the Commission for approval.

Federal

- *Revisions to Transit Capital Priorities Program for FY2012-13 and FY2013-14, and AB664 Bridge Toll Program and allocations for FY2012-13. MTC Resolution Nos. 4035, Revised, 4079, Revised, 4080, Revised, and 4084, Revised.*

Glen Tepke, MTC Programming and Allocations Section, presented revisions to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) formula funding program and requested revisions to program previously reserved funds for Caltrain, Altamont Corridor Express (ACE), and Solano County operators; to advance funds for AC Transit and SFMTA bus replacement projects; and programming and allocation of AB664 bridge toll funds to match FTA grant funds.

The Committee, upon the motion of Commissioner Tissier with a second by Commissioner Pirzynski, unanimously approved the referral of MTC Resolution Nos. 4035, Revised, 4079, Revised, 4080, Revised, and 4084, Revised to the Commission for approval.

- *Programming revisions to the Surface Transportation Program/Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (STP/CMAQ) New Act Cycle 1 Program. MTC Resolution No. 3925, Revised.*

Carolyn Clevenger, MTC Planning Section, presented a recommendation to delete \$6 million from the Better Place electric vehicles taxi program; allocate \$875,000 to the Dynamic Ridesharing project, \$2.8 million to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) for the bike sharing project, and hold \$2.3 million in reserve and other various programming adjustments.

Commissioner Wiener commented that a bike sharing program is important throughout the region and a robust program will help increase use of bicycling which will relieve pressure on public transit and congestion on the roads. He expressed concern about the size of the pilot stating that a bike sharing program would succeed when it is expansive enough that it will attract a larger number of users. He asked how the program would be expanded after the pilot and how this pilot compares to that of other areas that have such a program.

Damien Breen, BAAQMD, explained that the major difference between this pilot and programs in other locations is that this program is being rolled out across the region versus one specific city. He further commented that in looking at programs in other regions they have started with similar sized pilots and have been able to grow them effectively. The Air District is confident that with a robust pilot that tests some of the concepts of delivering bike sharing services, expanding the program should be able to happen fairly quickly.

Commissioner Haggerty asked how putting more funding into the pilot on the Peninsula would affect starting a pilot in the East Bay. Mr. Heminger explained that this would not affect the East Bay and that the remaining balance from Cycle 1 would be carried over to Cycle 2 at which time the East Bay could apply for funding to implement a pilot. Commissioner Haggerty further asked if Clipper® would be integrated into the bike sharing program. Mr. Breen explained that the Air District has been in discussions with Clipper® and the intent is to integrate Clipper® once a funding plan has been developed. Mr. Heminger further explained that there are several

smaller transit operators awaiting integration of Clipper® and that there is a constrained set of resources that restricts how quickly integration can happen for bike sharing.

Commissioner Quan suggested that rather than reserving \$2.3 million for future programming, those dollars should be allocated to the East Bay for the planning of a bike sharing pilot so that the East Bay could better position themselves to apply for Cycle 2 programming. Ms. Clevenger explained that CMAQ funds cannot be used for planning purposes and that staff would work with her to find alternative funding sources for planning.

Commissioner Mackenzie commented that he will plan to meet with MTC's Director of Operations regarding the Clipper® capital budget amounts now that there is so much competition for Clipper®.

Commissioner Bates asked when Cycle 2 programming would begin. Mr. Heminger explained that once the Draft Plan is adopted the next round would begin, likely in the fall.

Commissioner Pyrzinski commented that the City of San Jose is ready to start a bike sharing program and that he would like to see the proposed pilot succeed. He further commented about the number of bikes being proposed and stated that he would rather have people use all the bikes and stand in line waiting for bikes, than to have a number of bikes not being used which could give the impression that the program is unsuccessful.

Public Comments:

Kit Hodge, San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, expressed enthusiasm for the program and spoke in support of restoring the bike sharing pilot back to its original size of 1,000 bicycles.

Renee Rivera, East Bay Bicycle Coalition, spoke in support of the bike share program and looks forward to the launch of a program in the East Bay.

The Committee, upon the motion of Commissioner Tissier with a second by Commissioner Bates, unanimously approved the referral of MTC Resolution No. 3925, Revised to the Commission for approval.

California Transportation Commission Update

Kenneth Kao, Programming and Allocations Section, provided the Committee a brief update on the California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting held on May 7 in Los Angeles, CA. Highlights included an allocation of over \$170 million to the Outer Harbor Intermodal Terminal for the Port of Oakland using Trade Corridor funds, and over \$65 million in Proposition 1A funds for the Caltrain Positive Train Control program.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Commissioner Glover adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:02 p.m.