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**Programming and Allocations Committee**  
**September 11, 2013**  
**Minutes**

Commission Chair Worth, in her capacity as an ex-officio voting member of the Committee, called the meeting to order at approximately 11:04 a.m. Committee members present were: Commissioners Bates, Dodd, Pirzynski, Quan, Sartipi, and Wiener. Vice Chair Cortese was present as ex-officio voting member of the Committee. Other Commissioners present as ad hoc non-voting members of the Committee were: Giacopini, Haggerty, Halsted, and Mackenzie.

**Consent Calendar**

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

- Minutes of the July 10, 2013 meeting;
- Revision to the FY2013-14 Fund Estimate. MTC Resolution No. 4086, Revised;
- Revisions to the Transit Capital Priorities program for FY2012-13 and FY2013-14. MTC Resolution No. 4084, Revised;
- Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) Funding Recommendations Guidelines for FY2013-14. MTC Resolution No. 4117; and
- Policies, Procedures and Project Selection Criteria for the 2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). MTC Resolution No. 4118.

**Regional**

- ***Allocation of \$35 million in AB 1171 funds to the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) for the I-80/680/12 Interchange projects. MTC Resolution No. 3914, Revised.***

Kenneth Kao, MTC Programming and Allocations Section, presented an allocation request of \$35 million in AB 1171 capital funds to the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) for the I-80/680/12 Interchange project (\$5.5 million for the final design of the Red Top Road Interchange and I-80 Westbound to I-680 Southbound Connector, and \$29.5 million for construction of the I-80 Westbound to SR-12 Westbound Connector).

Commissioner Quan asked for clarification on why the I-80/680/12 Interchange projects are being funded now. Mr. Kao explained that the RM2 portion of the project is in statute and the AB 1171 portion was approved in MTC Resolution No. 3434.

The Committee, upon the motion of Commissioner Wiener with a second by Commissioner Pirzynski, unanimously approved the referral of MTC Resolution No. 3914, Revised to the Commission for approval.

- ***Allocation of \$114.1 million in FY2013-14 Transportation Development Act (TDA) and State Transit Assistance (STA) operating funds to various claimants in the region. MTC Resolution Nos. 4100, Revised, and 4101, Revised.***

Cheryl Chi, MTC Programming and Allocations Section, presented an allocation request of \$114.1 million in FY2013-14 Transportation Development Act (TDA) and State Transit Assistance (STA) operating funds to Fairfield, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), Soltrans, Union City Transit, and Santa Clara VTA to support transit operations and capital projects.

Commissioner Quan asked for clarification on why AC Transit and BART did not apply or were ineligible for the TDA and STA operating funds. Ms. Chi explained that AC Transit and BART had already applied and were allocated these funds in June.

The Committee, upon the motion of Commissioner Pirzynski with a second by Commissioner Quan, unanimously approved the referral of MTC Resolution Nos. 4100, Revised, and 4101, Revised to the Commission for approval.

### **Federal**

- ***New Freedom Cycle 5 Program Guidelines for Large Urbanized Areas. MTC Resolution No. 4116.***

Kristen Mazur, MTC Programming and Allocations Section, presented proposed program guidelines for the fifth funding cycle of the New Freedom program.

Commissioner Quan commented that much of the money appears to be going towards planning but some counties seem to be receiving money for project implementation. She asked for clarification on the process and asked if there will be additional cycles in the future. Ms. Mazur explained that it is a competitive cycle based on when the county applies for funding and planning projects are usually for those counties that are in the initial stages of implementing projects and need some additional planning to get the project started. Ms. Mazur further explained that this is the last of the SAFETEA money and the New Freedom program will no longer exist because it has been merged into the Section 5310 Elderly and Disabled program as part of MAP-21. Similar types of projects will be eligible under the new program.

The Committee, upon the motion of Commissioner Pirzynski with a second by Commissioner Quan, unanimously approved the referral of MTC Resolution No. 4116 to the Commission for approval.

- ***Cycle 2/One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) Program – Project Selections and Programming Revisions. MTC Resolution Nos. 4035, Revised and 3925, Revised.***

Craig Goldblatt, MTC Programming and Allocations Section, presented a request to add projects to the OneBayArea Grant (OBAG), Safe Routes to Schools, and the Priority Conservation Area Programs.

Commissioner Quan asked how many of the grants were competitive and how many were based on formula alone. Mr. Goldblatt explained that the county distribution formula for OBAG was based on population and housing. The CMAs allocate their funds following a competitive selection process within their counties to determine which projects and jurisdictions receive the funds.

Public Comment:

Jung O'Donnell, Howard Chabner, Ted Loewenberg, Marian Casey, and Eric Craven spoke in opposition to the Masonic Avenue Complete Streets project.

Commissioner Wiener commented that the Masonic Avenue project was approved unanimously by the MTA Board of Directors and that the Board of Supervisors, acting as the County Transportation Authority also unanimously approved funding for the project. He further commented that despite opposition to the project, Masonic Avenue is a troubled street with a great deal of traffic that goes right through a neighborhood and causes the street to be unsafe.

The Committee, upon the motion of Commissioner Bates with a second by Commissioner Wiener, unanimously approved the referral of MTC Resolution Nos. 4025, Revised and 3925, Revised to the Commission for approval.

- ***2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 2013-14. MTC Resolution No. 4075, Revised.***

Adam Crenshaw, MTC Programming and Allocations Section, presented a request to amend the 2013 TIP to reflect the latest programming of projects.

Commissioner Bates asked why the Gilman Interchange is not listed as one of the projects in the TIP amendment. Ms. Bockelman explained that the TIP amendment reflects programming that was heard before the Committee today and that a funding source still needs to be identified for the Gilman project before it can be amended into the TIP.

Commissioner Haggerty asked if TIP amendments come by way of the project sponsor and in particular who made the request to defund the Livermore Village Plaza and Infrastructure project in Alameda County and what will happen to those funds. Mr. Crenshaw explained that the request to defund the project was made by the project sponsor in conjunction with the CMA and the funds are being reallocated to the Depot Relocation project.

Commissioner Quan asked if changes to the TIP are mostly at the request of county agencies and at what point are changes made at the county level. Mr. Heminger explained that TIP amendments are an administrative action that reflect decisions made at other points, in other forms and for a variety of reasons by staff, project sponsors, Caltrans, etc.

The Committee, upon the motion of Commissioner Wiener with a second by Commissioner Bates, unanimously approved the referral of MTC Resolution No. 4075, Revised to the Commission for approval.

- ***Update on Status of Federal Transit Administration Grants.***

Glen Tepke, MTC Programming and Allocations Section and Rebecca Long, MTC Legislation and Public Affairs Section, presented an update on the status of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grants in the region, many of which are affected by Department of Labor review of issues related to the California Public Employees Pension Reform Act (PEPRA).

Commissioner Worth commented that staff should inform the Committee if there is anything that can be done to assist in preserving some of the funds intended for projects in California.

This item was presented for information only and no action was required by the Committee.

**California Transportation Commission Update**

The Committee received, in writing, updates on the California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting held on August 6 in San Diego, CA.

**Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

Commission Chair Worth adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:54 a.m.