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COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium
101 Eighth Street
Oakland, CA 94607

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Chair Worth called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m. In addition to Chair Worth and Vice Chair Cortese the following Commissioners were present: Aguirre, Azumbrado, Campos, Dodd, Glover, Haggerty, Halsted, Kinsey, Liccardo, Mackenzie, Quan, Sartipi, Spering, Tissier, and Wiener.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Worth started the meeting by thanking Commissioners and staff who participated in the three years of planning and coordination of Plan Bay Area with its culmination at the July 18th special joint meeting with ABAG. Chair Worth continued with a presentation of three resolutions:

- Resolution No. 4113 – Resolution of Appreciation for Debbie Scarborough on the Occasion of her Retirement from MTC after 33 years.
- Resolution No. 4114 – Resolution of Appreciation for Nancy Okasaki on the Occasion of her Retirement from MTC after 39 years.
- Resolution No. 4112 – Resolution of Appreciation for Kurt Schwabe, the Bay Trail trekker, for his initiative to promote the Bay Trail by circling the entire San Francisco Bay Area on foot riding public transit to the trailheads each day.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Mackenzie and second by Commissioner Halsted, the Commission unanimously approved Resolution Nos. 4113, 4114 and 4112.

POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

Randi Kinman presented the Policy Advisory Council report and started by thanking staff who have worked with the Council over the last few years particularly in regard to Plan Bay Area. Ms. Kinman indicated that the Council is waiting for new members to come on board. At their last meeting the Council reviewed DBE small business and Title VI updates, and legislative analysis and proposals. Ms. Kinman summarized a few key points regarding what has worked

for the Policy Advisory Council over the last few years: consolidation of three separate committees; change in membership (engagement with community and elected officials); one-on-one meetings with the Commissioners; and flexible workplans with Commissioners' input.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Steve Heminger, Executive Director, presented his report to the Commission.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

There were no Commissioner comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon the motion by Commissioner Spering and second by Commissioner Aguirre, the Commission unanimously approved the Consent Calendar:

- Commission Meeting Minutes – June 26, 2013.

Administration Committee

- Resolution No. 4115 – Statement of Investment Policy.

Programming and Allocations Committee

- Resolution Nos. 3649, Revised and 3721, Revised – Allocation of \$7.8 million in Regional Measure 2 (RM2) funds.
- Resolution No. 3651, Revised – Rescission and amendment actions for RM2 funds for the Transbay Joint Powers Authority.
- Resolution No. 3889, Revised – Allocation of \$135,000 in RM2 funds for the Benicia Industrial Park Bus Hub project.
- Resolution No. 3914, Revised – Allocation condition update on prior AB 1171 allocation for BART to Livermore Extension.
- Resolution No. 4061, Revised – Allocation of \$4.6 million in Transportation Development Act funds to Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to support transit operations.
- Resolution No. 4109 – Allocation of 2% Bridge Tolls and 5% State Unrestricted Funds for Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG).

Legislation Committee

- Resolution No. 3931, Revised – MTC Policy Advisory Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration Committee – Tissier

Upon the motion by Commissioner Tissier and second by Commissioner Cortese, the Commission unanimously approved the following item:

- Funding Agreement – Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) for FY 2013-14 Planning, Research, and Administrative Services consistent with the eight-year funding framework approved by the Commission in February, 2013.

Programming and Allocations Committee – Glover

Upon the motion by Commissioner Glover and second by Commissioner Kinsey, the Commission unanimously approved the following item:

- Resolution Nos. 4086, Revised, 4099, Revised, 4100, Revised, 4101, Revised, 4102, Revised – Allocation of FY 2013-14 Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds, State Transit Assistance (STA) funds, Assembly Bill (AB) 1107 funds and Regional Measure 2 (RM2) operating funds and capital funds to various claimants in the region, and revision to the FY 2013-14 Fund Estimate. These revisions update the FY 2013-14 Fund Estimate to reflect actual receipts for TDA and AB 1107 funds and allocate \$23 million to the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District \$48 million to SamTrans, and \$116 million to San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency in TDA, STA, AB 1107, and RM2 funds to support transit operations.

Upon the motion by Commissioner Aguirre and second by Commissioner Glover, and receipt of public comment by Jerry Grace the Commission unanimously approved the following item:

- Resolution No. 3915, Revised – Revisions to conditions on a prior allocation of \$48 million in Regional Measure 1 funds for the Transbay Terminal Project to the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (JTPA). The changes are based on updated information about the overall project budget, and on the bids received for one of the project's major contracts.

The revisions to this resolution were not presented at the Programming and Allocations Committee due to the timing of the request from the Transbay Joint Powers Authority.

Legislation Committee – Haggerty

Upon the motion by Commissioner Haggerty and second by Commissioner Tissier the Commission unanimously approved a support position on SB 33 (Wolk) – Infrastructure

Financing Districts. This bill seeks to make it easier for local governments to create infrastructure financing districts (IFDs) and issue bonds by eliminating the voter approval requirement.

Upon the motion by Commissioner Haggerty and second by Commissioner Kinsey the Commission unanimously approved a support position on H.R. 2288 (Grimm) and a support and seek on S. 1116 (Schumer) – These are similar bills that would provide permanent parity in the federal transportation fringe benefit program. The “support and seek amendment” position on S. 1116 is to request changes that would incorporate the provisions of H.R. 2288 with respect to the amount of the monthly benefit as well as the changes to the bicycle commuting benefit.

Update on BART Strike Response – Crotty

Ms. Melanie Crotty, MTC Operations Director, presented an update on the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) system strike that occurred on July 1st to July 5th. Ms. Crotty indicated that BART management and the unions agreed to extend the existing labor agreement for 30 days, thus suspending the strike. She indicated that historically, MTC’s role in emergency response has been to serve as a clearinghouse for contingency service plans from the transportation agencies. Ms. Crotty elaborated on the coordinated regional response that included BART supplemental bus service, AC Transit, Water Emergency Transit Authority, Golden Gate Transit, Caltrans, California Highway Patrol and 511.org, as well as other transit agencies that served commuters during the strike. Ms. Crotty also informed the Commission that staff is preparing for the possibility of an additional strike when the contract extension expires and that staff will work with transit agencies to determine whether any adjustments to the contingency services might improve overall efficiency. Commissioners commented and asked for clarification of services and costs associated with the services provided during the strike. Staff is considering if and how MTC should assume a more active role, including actively shaping service design with existing transit agencies and implementing additional services through private charter buses. Under MTC’s transit coordination responsibilities defined in State law, staff believes MTC has the authority to assume such an expanded role. While it is less clear what MTC’s role should be during transit work stoppages, in contrast to a natural disaster, staff will research and recommend to the Commission what additional measures could be at the ready for future regional emergencies.

The Commission received public comment from the following individuals:

- Jerry Grace – expressed his concern in case of a BART service disruption and encouraged use of other public transit services.
- Rich Hedges – indicated that strikes are never good and suggested MTC withhold funding from BART to indicate disagreement of service disruption.
- Jane Kramer – suggested that the public should reconsider the use of their own cars.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Commission received public comment from the following individuals:

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- Jerry Grace – suggested that Commissioners take a look at the new BART cars that will be on exhibit.
- Jackie Castain – Thanked MTC for the High School Internship Program and invited Commissioners to the Intern Forum which will take place on August 6 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the MetroCenter Auditorium, where the interns will provide a 3-5 minute presentation summarizing the skills and knowledge gained in the program. She also suggested that MTC research the progress of former interns toward careers in transportation.

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

There being no further business or public comment, Chair Worth adjourned the meeting at 11:44 a.m. The next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2013.

Amy Rein Worth, Chair