

1. Introductions

Jeffery Ballou (VTA) requested introductions from the attendees.

2. Approval of August Minutes

The minutes of August 7, 2013 were approved.

3. Legislative Update

Rebecca Long (MTC) reported on SB99 - Active Transportation Program. The existing law establishes various transportation programs and associated funds and accounts, including the Bicycle Transportation Account, the Bikeway Account, and the Safe Routes to School Program. Existing federal law reconstitutes various federal transportation funding programs, including the former Transportation Enhancements Program, and creates the new federal Transportation Alternatives Program comprised of various former separate programs.

Based upon a request from the working group Rebecca will provide a summary of fund sources.

4. Section 5311 Non-urbanized Area Program Update

Kristen Mazur (MTC) reported that staff will bring the revised formula to the Programming and Allocations Committee in October in order to finalize the changes in advance of the FY 2014 and FY 2015 Call for Projects.

Working group members commented that they have not received funds from Caltrans for FY 13.

5. New Freedom Cycle 5 Draft Program Guidelines

Kristen Mazur (MTC) provided the draft Cycle 5 program guidelines for the working group's review. The program guidelines will be presented to the Programming and Allocations Committee for consideration in September.

Concern was expressed regarding focusing more on geographic equality. Kristen stated that the call for projects was focused on the five large Urbanized areas for this round.

A working group member asked about performance statistics for the projects from previous rounds. Kristen agreed that it would be helpful and there is more data to work with by now.

6. Fund Estimate Revision

Adam Noelting (MTC) provided a revised Fund Estimate to reconcile actual revenues and initial revenue estimates.

7. SRTP Update

Kenneth Folan (MTC) stated that staff intends to recommend funding for the seven largest operators to complete SRTPs. Small operators will not be required to produce full- or mini- SRTPs this year.

Some operators are considering using consultant help offered by MTC.

8. TPI Investment Program Round 2 Update

Craig Bosman (MTC) seeks input in further developing the guidelines for the next round of TPI funding. A draft set of guidelines, including a draft schedule was provided.

9. Revisions to FY13 and FY14 TCP Program

Shruti Hari (MTC) provided updated information on the final revisions to the FY13 Transit Capital Priorities program and preliminary revisions to the FY14 program. The revisions include adjustments to the FY14 program to reflect updated revenue projections and revised carry-over balances from FY13.

10. FTA Grants Update

Glen Tepke (MTC) provided an update on the status of FTA grants in the region, many of which are being affected by Department of Labor review issues related to the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013. As a result some funds may lapse.

Staff will look into the possibility of getting lapsed funds reapportioned from FTA since it was no fault of the grantees.

11. Prop 1B Update

Kenneth Folan (MTC) reported on Prop 1B deadlines:

- Pre-performance reports due to CalEMA by April 30, 2013
- Allocation requests for all years of funding due to Caltrans by July 30, 2013
- Semi-annual reports for all projects due to Caltrans by August 15, 2013
- PTMISEA program expenditure plans due to Caltrans by September 20, 2013

Kenneth reminded the group to submit their semi-annual reports (which were due by August 15, 2013) on all projects that have received an allocation and have not submitted a close-out report. Caltrans is holding up any new allocation requests unless all paperwork for previous requests is completed.

12. TIP Update

Adam Crenshaw (MTC) reported that the 2013 TIP and Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis on the 2013 TIP were adopted by the Commission on July 18, 2013 and approved by FHWA and FTA on August 12, 2013.

13. FTA Ferry Grant Program NOFA

Glen Tepke (MTC) provided a NOFA for FTA's Passenger Ferry Grant Program. MTC will provide letters of support for project proposals that are reasonable and consistent with Plan Bay Area.

Please send request for support letters to MTC.

14. Recommended Future Agenda Items/Other

A working group member asked about the lawsuit against MTC and ABAG on the Plan. Anne Richman (MTC) stated that MTC has received two or three lawsuits regarding the Plan. MTC's legal staff is currently involved. There is no injunction against the plan at the time and the TIP has been approved.

Next Transit Finance Working Group Meeting:

Wednesday, October 2, 2013

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

MTC, Fishbowl Conference Room

101-8th St, Oakland 94607