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Policy Advisory Council
July 10, 2013
Draft Minutes

Equity & Access Subcommittee Chair Naomi Armenta called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. Members in attendance were Jim Blacksten, Richard Burnett, Carlos Castellanos, Wilbert Din, Sandi Galvez, Richard Hedges, Dolores Jaquez, Randi Kinman, Kendal Oku, Frank Robertson and Alan Talansky. **Excused:** Bena Chang, Tina King Neuhausel, Dolly Sandoval and Egon Terplan. **Absent:** Cathleen Baker, Joanne Busenbark, Elizabeth Clary, Linda Jeffery Sailors, Federico Lopez, Marshall Loring, Yokia Mason, Tanya Narath, Lori Reese-Brown and Gerald Rico.

Approval of June 2013 Meeting Minutes

Due to lack of a quorum, the June meeting minutes were not approved and will be placed on the September meeting agenda for approval.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Subcommittee Reports

Ms. Armenta reported that the Equity and Access Subcommittee met this month and discussed New Freedom Cycle 5 Proposed Framework and the Bay Bridge Celebration Access Plan. Mr. Hedges also commented that the Bay Bridge Celebration shouldn't be scheduled for September due to the annual Bay Cleanup.

Draft Plan Bay Area: Final Recommendations

Miriam Chion of ABAG staff presented a summary of the final recommendations of the Draft Plan Bay Area. The Council asked clarifying questions and had no comments. Mr. Castellanos gave an overview of the revised Council recommendations that he presented to the Commission at their June 26 meeting. The Council had no comments.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)/Small Business Enterprise (SBE) and Title VI Update

Denise Rodrigues of MTC staff gave a DBE/SBE and Title VI update, including recent Business Outreach Committee activities, Title VI monitoring and compliance related to JARC/New Freedom and OBAG funds, an update on the agency's Title VI activities, an update to MTC's Language Assistance Plan, and the Title VI compliance review for the Clipper program. The Council asked clarifying questions and had no comments.

Legislative Update

MTC Senior Legislative Analyst Rebecca Long gave a report on state and federal legislative actions and proposals related to transportation and land use. The Council asked clarifying questions and had no comments.

Staff Liaison Report

Staff liaison Pam Grove presented her report, reminding members of the final two Plan Bay Area meetings: the MTC Planning Committee/ABAG Administrative Committee Joint Meeting on Friday, July 12, at 9:30 a.m. and the Special Joint Meeting of MTC and the ABAG Executive Board at the Oakland Marriott City Center, West Hall, 1001 Broadway, Oakland on Thursday, July 18 at 6:30 p.m. Council members asked staff to send a reminder e-mail with the meeting information.

Ms. Grove gave a brief Policy Advisory Council recruitment update, commenting that the list of recommended advisors for the next four-year term will be presented to the Legislation Committee on Friday July 12.

Ann Flemer, Deputy Executive Director, Policy, thanked all the members for their hard work on the council, and addressed the members who were present – Dolores Jaquez, Kendall Oku and Frank Robertson – who would not be serving on the council for the next term.

Council Member Reports

Ms. Kinman announced that the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) has a new app that offers riders a quick and discreet method for reporting safety concerns and suspicious activities directly to VTA Security or, in the event of an emergency, directly to police. Riders can send VTA security pictures, text messages, and locations of suspicious persons and/or activities. More information can be found at: <http://www.vta.org/dev/apps/>

Mr. Din announced that San Francisco Muni will be hosting its annual bell ringing contest on July 11, 2013 in Union Square at 12 noon.

Ms. Armenta announced due to the BART strike, Alameda County postponed their Mobility Management Workshop at the Ed Roberts Campus that was scheduled for July 1, 2013.

Mr. Hedges shared that one of his hobbies is riding various transit systems in the nation. He will be riding the transit system in Chicago in August and will report back to the Council. He also has compared the Transit Access Pass (TAP) card in Los Angeles to the Clipper card and believes they both work well.

Mr. Talansky reported that he spent the day in Concord, where they are working on a redevelopment plan for the City focusing on BART. He was impressed with their work as well as public outreach.

Mr. Blacksten announced that he is on the speaker's bill for guide dogs for the blind and will be making presentations in the coming months about his dog Acura.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment/Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m. The next Policy Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2013 in the Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, California.