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Policy Advisory Council
October 9, 2013
Draft Minutes

Acting Chair Naomi Armenta called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m. Other members in attendance were Cathleen Baker, Caroline Banelos, Jim Blacksten, Richard Burnett, JoAnn Busenbark, Carlos Castellanos, Bena Chang, Elizabeth Clary, Chris Coursey, Wilbert Din, Veda Florez, Sandi Galvez, Bob Glover, Jack Gray, Richard Hedges, Linda Jeffery Sailors, Randi Kinman, Jerry Levine, Mark Nicholson, Mike Pechner, Timothy Reeder, Gerald Rico, Benjamin Schweng, and Alan Talansky.

Excused: Mordechai Winter.

Commission Chair Amy Rein Worth thanked and welcomed the members of the Policy Advisory Council. Executive Director Steve Heminger, Director of Planning Ken Kirkey, and public information staff Catalina Alvarado, Leslie Lara and Martha Silver were also in attendance. Chair Worth introduced Commissioner Dorene Giacomini and called for introductions of the rest of the Council since this was the first meeting for many of the members.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for June 12, 2013

The minutes of the June 12, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Richard Hedges and a second by Linda Jeffery Sailors.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for July 10, 2013

The minutes of the July 10, 2013 meeting were approved after a motion by Jim Blacksten and a second by Richard Hedges. Cathleen Baker abstained from the vote, as she was absent from the July meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Subcommittee Reports

Equity and Access Subcommittee chair Naomi Armenta reported that the subcommittee met earlier in the day and received a presentation from Carla Johnson of the San Francisco Mayor's Office on Disability and Jessie Lorenz from the San Francisco Independent Living Resource Center on the proposed new San Francisco Accessible Parking Policy. The subcommittee asked to be updated before the proposed legislation moves forward.

Council Orientation

Mr. Heminger presented an overview of MTC's roles and responsibilities, and Mr. Kirkey briefed the Council on Plan Bay Area and other major regional planning initiatives. The Council made comments, asked clarifying questions and received responses from staff.

Cathleen Baker expressed interest in having the Regional Prosperity Plan come back before the Council for comment in the future; staff agreed to bring the item to a future Council meeting. Later in the meeting, Ms. Baker agreed to present at the October Commission meeting on behalf of the Council.

Staff Liaison Report

The Council received the staff liaison report from Catalina Alvarado, since staff liaison Pam Grove was not in attendance. In addition, Leslie Lara provided additional information on the upcoming Youth for the Environment and Sustainability (YES) conference on November 2nd. Returning Council members requested to be notified when their ethics training certification expires.

Council Member Reports

Mr. Hedges commented that many communities have business shuttles that the county helps to fund. In those communities regular transit riders can use those county-funded shuttles to travel in the reverse direction. He stated this is the case in San Mateo County, and he encouraged Council members to approach their county to configure their programs in the same manner to allow for maximum use of the shuttles.

Cathleen Baker reiterated the importance of attending the Commuter Benefits Public Workshops mentioned in the staff liaison report.

Ms. Armenta gave a brief report on the Alameda County Mobility Workshop she attended on October 7, 2013.

New Business

Mr. Hedges mentioned the Brisbane Baylands project and suggested the Council invite the developer to make a presentation.

Ms. Alvarado informed the Council that their next two meetings in November and December would continue the orientation process.

Randi Kinman reminded the Council members who represent low-income or minority communities to consider attending the Equity and Access Subcommittee meetings.

Adjournment/Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m. The next Policy Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2013 in the Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, California.