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Legislation Committee
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Attendance

Chair Haggerty called the Legislation Committee meeting to order at 10:57 a.m. Committee members in attendance were: Commissioners Azumbrado, Giacomini, Halsted, Kinsey, Liccardo, Luce, Mackenzie and Spering. Commission Chair Rein-Worth, and Commission Vice-Chair Cortese were present in their ex-officio voting member capacity. Other Commissioners present as ad hoc non-voting members of the Committee were Quan, Tissier, and Wiener.

Consent Calendar

The Consent Calendar was unanimously approved after a motion by Commissioner Liccardo and a second by Commissioner Mackenzie.

2014 Draft Advocacy Program

The Committee received the report from Randy Rentschler of MTC staff.

Committee discussion:

- Commissioner Liccardo requested a placeholder on the subject of Bay Area airport congestion. Chair Haggerty requested staff to include in next month's draft final program for consideration.
- Commissioner Kinsey commented on the legislative priorities and inquired about the possibilities of new funding or the likelihood of a reduced vote threshold required to pass local funding measures. Staff responded that most observers are of the opinion that the placement of an initiative on the ballot by a private action is more likely than action by the Legislature. As far as a lowering of the vote threshold, transportation would likely not be a driving force but rather part of a larger coalition with education and other stakeholders interested in this provision. Commissioner Kinsey reiterated that we need a much more visible effort to raise awareness of the needs of the transportation system. Commissioner Spering questioned the reluctance of the legislature on this issue. Steve Heminger, Executive Director, stated that reducing the vote threshold is our number one priority.

Commissioner Spering questioned whether the legislature understands the magnitude of the problem. Mr. Heminger responded, in part, they do not know because MTC and other local agencies have raised local revenues to address funding shortfalls and has shielded the legislature from the consequences of the statewide funding crisis. Mr. Heminger also informed the Committee that the State Transportation Secretary, Brian P. Kelly, has ordered an outside review of Caltrans. He noted there is a reluctance to invest money into a system that is not performing well.

Contract – Sacramento Legislative Representation: Carter, Wetch & Associates (\$345,000)

Staff's requested approval to enter into a new three-year contract with Carter, Wetch & Associates through November 2016. Considering the long tenure with the lobbying firm, Commissioner Spring asked staff to continue to measure the effectiveness of the firm. The contract was unanimously approved after a motion by Commissioner Kinsey and a seconded by Commissioner Mackenzie.

FY 2013-14 Federal Budget & Appropriations Update

FY 2013-14 Federal Budget & Appropriations Update was presented.

Tom Bulger's Report

Tom Bulger's Report was included in the packet for consideration.

Public Comment/Adjourn

There was no public comment. The meeting adjourned at 11:24 A.M. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 13, 2013 at 9:40 a.m. in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, California.