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Legislation Committee
February 14, 2014
Draft Minutes

Attendance

Committee Chair Haggerty called the Legislation Committee meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. Committee members in attendance were Vice-Chair Liccardo, Commissioners Azumbrado, Halsted, Kinsey, Luce and Spering. Also in attendance as Ex-Officio voting members were Commission Chair Worth and Vice Chair Cortese. Present as ad hoc non-voting members of the Committee were Commissioners Bates and Wiener.

Consent Calendar

The Consent Calendar was unanimously approved after a motion by Commissioner Spering and a second by Commissioner Halsted.

AB 1193 (Ting)

Rebecca Long of MTC staff presented a summary of AB 1193 (Ting) — Bikeways: Minimum Safety Design Criteria. She noted that the bill is likely to be amended in the near future to address the recommendations in the State Smart Transportation Initiative (SSTI) report to change state law so that cities and counties have the ability to set their own bicycle design standards.

Committee discussion:

- Commissioner Haggerty asked if there were any additional changes MTC would like to see in the bill. Ms. Long stated that the broader reforms were a good idea and something MTC should support, but that it would still be beneficial to support the bill in its current form.
- Commissioner Worth noted that this issue is challenging for communities that want to make investments in new bike pathways and have problems working with the existing Caltrans rules regarding bike facilities. She stated it would be helpful for MTC to take an active role and engage more with partners to be able to give necessary tools to local jurisdictions.
- Commissioner Haggerty inquired if AB 1193 would require painting the bike pathways green. Ms. Long said that this was an example of innovative bicycle facility design, but that ultimately such a decision is left to the discretion of local jurisdictions.

Support of AB 1193 (Ting) was unanimously approved after a motion by Commissioner Kinsey and a second by Commissioner Halsted.

FY 2014 Federal Appropriations

Randy Rentschler of MTC staff presented an overview of transportation provisions in the FY 2014 omnibus spending bill.

Tom Bulger's Report

The Committee received the report as presented by Mr. Rentschler.

Committee discussion:

- Commissioner Kinsey noted that on February 13, 2014, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce came out in support of a gas tax increase.
- Executive Director Steve Heminger added that the U.S. Chamber of Commerce has supported a gas tax increase for a few years; however, Congress remains inactive on the subject.
- Commissioner Weiner inquired about the Caltrans report commissioned by Governor Brown and whether there is any push coming from inside the agency. Mr. Heminger informed the Committee that Transportation Secretary Brian P. Kelly intends to address the recommendations included in the report.

Public Comment/Adjourn

There was no public comment. The meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 14, 2014 at 9:40 a.m. in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, California.