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Agenda Item 2a

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2014

ATTENDANCE

Vice Chair Kinsey called the MTC Operations Committee meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. Other Committee members in attendance were: Commissioners Azumbrado, Haggerty, Halsted, , Liccardo, Luce and Spering. Commissioner Bates was present as an ad hoc non-voting member of the Committee. Commission Chair Rein-Worth and Commission Vice-Chair Cortese were present in their ex-officio voting member capacities.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Upon motion of Commissioner Spering, which was seconded by Commissioner Halsted, the Committee unanimously approved the consent calendar.

- Minutes of January 10, 2014*
- Second Quarter SAFE Financial Statements December 2013 (Sonia Elsonbaty)

Commissioner Liccardo expressed concern about the \$2.6 million budget for call boxes and questioned whether there is flexibility to invest dollars into improved cell phone reception on bridges and other critical places that would have a more concrete impact on safety as compared with call boxes. MTC Executive Director Steve Heminger stated that the California Highway Patrol has not supported removing all call boxes. Mr. Heminger stated that the system has been considerably reduced but that its remaining components still need to be maintained, which means making accessibility improvements and converting from analog to digital. He expressed his own view that the system has a fairly low return on investment and indicated that staff is willing to revisit the subject. Commissioner Liccardo noted the extraordinary opportunity to expand reception and wireless capability at little to no cost. He requested that staff revisit the subject. Vice Chair Kinsey asked staff to agendize this topic for discussion at a future meeting with the understanding there is no control of the outcome as CHP and the State Legislature will have to be involved in order to make the fundamental change.

Public Comment/Other Business/Next Meeting/Adjournment:

There being no further business, and no public comment, Vice Chair Kinsey adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.. The next meeting of the Operations Committee is scheduled for Friday, March 14, 2014 at 9:35 a.m. in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, CA.