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Legislation Committee

March 14, 2014

Minutes

Attendance

Committee Chair Haggerty called the Legislation Committee meeting to order at 11:27 a.m. Committee members in attendance were Vice Chair Liccardo, Commissioners Giacomini, Halsted, Kinsey and Spering. Also in attendance as an Ex-Officio voting member was Commission Chair Rein Worth. Present as ad hoc non-voting members of the Committee were Commissioners Bates, Tissier and Wiener.

Consent Calendar

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

2014 MTC Excellence in Motion Awards Program

Randy Rentschler of MTC staff presented a report on the status of the biennial awards program.

AB 1811 (Buchanan)/AB 2090 (Fong) — Access to Express Lanes/Performance Requirements

AB 1811 would revise provisions related to express lanes administered by Alameda County Transportation Commission with respect to access to the lanes by high-occupancy vehicles (HOV). AB 2090 would revise provisions in the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) high-occupancy toll (HOT) lane statute clarifying requirements related to access of HOV lanes and replacing Level of Service requirements with measures that ensure optimal use of the HOT lanes by HOV without adversely affecting other traffic on the state highway system.

Commissioner Liccardo moved to support AB 1811 (Buchanan)/AB 2090 (Fong) and seek amendment to ensure the language in both bills remains consistent. Commissioner Halsted seconded the motion and it was unanimously moved to the Commission for approval.

AB 2197 (Mullin) — Temporary License Plate Program

AB 2197 would require the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), in collaboration with qualified industry partners, to develop a temporary license plate system to enable vehicle dealers and lessor-retailers to print temporary license plates on weatherproof paper or other media selected by the DMV and that the system be in operation on or before July 1, 2015.

Commissioner Liccardo moved to support AB 2197 (Mullin) and Commissioner Halsted seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously moved to the Commission for approval.

AB 2013 (Muratsuchi) — Expansion of Access to HOV Lanes by Specified Low-Emission Vehicles

Current federal law authorizes a state to allow specified plug-in hybrid vehicles to use lanes designated for HOVs. AB 2013 would increase the number of decals the DMV is authorized to issue from 40,000 to an unspecified amount.

Commissioner Liccardo moved to oppose AB 2013 (Muratsuchi) and Commissioner Halsted seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously moved to the Commission for approval.

AB 2173 (Bradford) — Low-Speed Electric Bicycle

AB 2173 would expand the definition of a motorized bicycle to create a new classification, i.e. low-speed electric bicycle, and grant them access to Class I bicycle paths, consistent with MTC's 2014 Advocacy Program.

Commissioner Liccardo moved to support AB 2173 (Bradford) and Commissioner Halsted seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously moved to the Commission for approval.

Regional Endorsement of Bay Area Projects for Federal TIGER 6 Grants

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

Obama Administration's FY 2015 Budget

Mr. Rentschler presented an overview of the Obama Administration's FY 2015 Budget Request and a reauthorization proposal for MAP-21.

Tom Bulger's Report

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

Committee discussion:

- Chair Haggerty, Commission Chair Worth and Commissioner Weiner asked that MTC send a letter to Mr. Bulger commending him for his work on the annual Commission meetings in Washington D.C.
- Commission Chair Worth noted that the trip was very successful and it was helpful to have MTC's partners at the meetings communicating the same message.

Public Comment/Adjourn

There was no public comment. The meeting adjourned at 11:46 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.