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Legislation Committee  
April 11, 2014  
**Minutes**

**Attendance**

Committee Chair Haggerty called the Legislation Committee meeting to order at 9:59 a.m. Committee members in attendance were Vice Chair Liccardo, Commissioners Azumbrado, Luce, Mackenzie and Spering. Also in attendance as an Ex-Officio voting member was Commission Chair Rein Worth. Commissioner Tissier was deputized during the Planning Committee as a voting member, her voting rights carried over to the Legislation Committee. Present as ad hoc non-voting members of the Committee were Commissioners Campos and Wiener.

**Consent Calendar**

The consent calendar was unanimously approved after a motion by Commissioner Mackenzie and a second by Commissioner Worth.

**SB 1077 (DeSaulnier): Vehicle Miles Traveled Pilot Fee Program**

Rebecca Long, MTC staff, presented SB 1077, which requires the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to develop and implement a pilot program to assess various issues related to implementing a vehicle-miles-traveled (VMT) fee in California. The bill requires the DMV to prepare and submit a report to the Legislature by June 30, 2016.

Committee discussion:

- Commissioner Spering asked that MTC request the bill be amended to change the agency in charge of the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Commissioner Liccardo moved to adopt Commissioner Spering's suggestion and adopt a support and seek amendment position on SB 1077 (DeSaulnier). Commissioner Mackenzie seconded the motion and it was unanimously moved to the Commission for approval.

**AB 1721 (Linder): Express Lanes; Clean Fuel Vehicles**

Ms. Long presented AB 1721, which would allow the Riverside County Transportation Commission's planned I-15 high-occupancy toll "express" lanes to charge low-emission vehicles that have qualified for and obtained a Clean Air Vehicle "white sticker" or an advanced technology partial zero-emission vehicle (Enhanced ATPZEV) "green sticker" decal.

Commissioner Liccardo moved to support staff's recommendation to adopt a support and seek amendment position on AB 1721 to broaden its provisions to express lanes statewide. Commissioner Mackenzie seconded the motion and it was unanimously moved to the Commission for approval.

**AB 2651 (Linder)/AB 2728 (Perea): Restoration of Vehicle Weight Fees for State Highway Account**

Ms. Long presented these bills which would each end the policy of diverting vehicle weight fees — which generate roughly \$940 million per year — from the State Highway Account (SHA) to pay debt service on transportation bonds originally enacted by the Legislature and passed by the voters as General Obligation bonds to be paid for with general revenue.

Commissioner Liccardo moved to support staff's recommendation to adopt a support and seek amendment position on AB 2651 (Linder)/AB 2728 (Perea) to 1) make them both permanent and effective July 1, 2015; and 2) allow one additional fiscal year for the transition back to the General Fund covering the entire cost of transportation bond debt service. Commissioner Mackenzie seconded the motion and it was unanimously moved to the Commission for approval.

**SB 990 (Vidak): State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)/ Transportation Development Act (TDA) Funds: five percent Set-aside for Disadvantaged Small Communities**

Ms. Long presented SB 990 (Vidak), which would require counties to set-aside five percent of their Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) county share for "Small Disadvantaged Communities." Additionally, the bill would require that regional transportation planning agencies responsible for allocating Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds, such as MTC, reserve five percent of such funds for such areas.

Commissioner Liccardo moved to oppose SB 990 (Vidak). Commissioner Mackenzie seconded the motion and it was unanimously moved to the Commission for approval.

**Regional Endorsement of Bay Area Projects for Federal TIGER 6 Grants**

The Committee received the Transportation Improvement Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) 6 Grants report from Kenneth Folan of MTC staff.

Committee discussion:

- Commissioner Tissier requested the South San Francisco Caltrain Station Access Improvement Project (Project) be added to the list of MTC endorsements for the TIGER 6 Grants.
- Commissioner Spring expressed concern about the impact of MTC's endorsement list on other TIGER candidates. He suggested adding a recognition category.

Public Comment:

- South San Francisco Mayor Karyl Matsumoto requested the South San Francisco Caltrain Station Access Improvement Project be added to the TIGER grant list of endorsements.
- Seamus Murphy, Caltrans, requested the South San Francisco Caltrain Station Access Improvement Project be added to MTC's TIGER grant list of endorsements.
- Rich Hedges, Policy Advisory Council, also requested the South San Francisco Caltrain Station Access Improvement Project be added to MTC's TIGER grant list of endorsements.

Commissioner Liccardo moved to support the Regional Endorsement of Bay Area Projects for federal TIGER 6 Grants and add the South San Francisco Caltrain Station Access Improvement Project to the list. Commissioner Tissier seconded the motion and it was unanimously moved to the Commission for approval.

### **Tom Bulger's Report**

The Committee received the report as presented by Rebecca Long of MTC staff. Ms. Long noted that on April 10, 2014, Environment and Public Works Committee (EPW) Chairwoman Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) and ranking member David Vitter (R-La.) announced they had reached an “agreement in principle on a transportation bill,” which they hope to move to the floor this summer pending funding availability. The bill would hold funding at current levels with an annual adjustment for inflation, requiring an additional \$16 billion per year for the Highway Trust Fund.

### **Public Comment/Adjourn**

There was no public comment. The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 9, 2014 at 9:40 a.m. in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, California.