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Programming and Allocations Committee

May 14, 2014

Minutes

Vice Chair Campos called the meeting to order at approximately 10:29 a.m. Committee members present were: Commissioners Bates, Pirzynski, Quan, Sartipi, Tissier, and Wiener. Commission Chair Worth and Vice Chair Cortese were present as ex-officio voting members of the Committee. Other Commissioners present as ad hoc non-voting members of the Committee were: Giacomini, Haggerty, and Halsted.

Consent Calendar

The Committee unanimously approved the following consent items after a motion by Commissioner Tissier and a second by Commissioner Wiener:

- Minutes of the April 9, 2014 meeting;
- Allocation of \$2.7 million in State Transit Assistance (STA) funds from Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) district's apportionment to AC Transit as partial payment for transfer services. MTC Resolution No. 4101, Revised;
- Revisions to Cycle 2 One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) Program. MTC Resolution No. 4035, Revised; and
- Revisions to the Transit Capital Priorities program of projects for FY2007-08 through FY2013-14 to reflect transfers of funding between projects. MTC Resolution Nos. 3714, Revised, 3854, Revised, 3916, Revised, and 4084, Revised.

In addition, the Committee received one item for information: Transit Performance Initiative (TPI) Investment Round 1 Semi-Annual Report.

Regional

- ***Amendments to the Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Program and Allocations. MTC Resolutions No. 3801, Revised. RM2 Strategic Delivery Plan.***

Kenneth Folan, MTC Programming and Allocations Section, presented a summary of public comments received and recommendations to reassign \$88.2 million in RM2 funds among several projects, modify the scope (without redirection) on one project, and modify prior conditions on two projects.

Commissioner Quan expressed concerns for the Bus Rapid Transit funding for AC Transit and the impact of transit oriented development along the corridor. Mr. Heminger explained that it will be necessary to learn as the projects move forward and address unexpected issues as they arise.

Commissioner Quan also suggested that MTC staff and City staff be brought together to look at funding sources and ABAG's priority development areas to determine how they influence each other and ensure that they are more closely matched.

Public Comments:

Jim Bigelow (Menlow Park Chamber of Commerce), Sheila Marquises (City of Fremont), and Tim Pitsker (City of Fremont and DRCP – Citizen Advisory Panel) spoke in support of staff recommendations. Mr. Bigelow expressed concern for addressing traffic on Highway 101 and the approaches to the Bay Bridge that is ever-growing. Ms. Marquises commented that the BART to Warm Springs Extension project will offer tremendous traffic congestion relief while the region reaps from the economic development benefits. Mr. Pitsker expressed concern for derailment and pollution issues on Segment F of the Dumbarton Rail Project because it would be built over Alameda Creek where Alameda County Water District takes its water.

Andy Peri (Marin County Bicycle Coalition) and Maureen Gaffney (San Francisco Bay Trail) spoke in support of the RM2 Strategic Delivery Plan with respect to \$20 million for bicycle and pedestrian projects in the Greenbrae Corridor and to funding for SMART.

David Schonbrunn (TRANSDEF), Andy Chow (Bay Rail Alliance), and Yoriko Kishimoto (Friends of Caltrain) spoke in opposition of staff recommendations. Mr. Schonbrunn referenced comments he had provided to MTC. Mr. Chow suggested that even though the Dumbarton Rail project is suffering set-backs due to funding shortfalls there is still a need for projects along the Dumbarton Corridor. Ms. Kishimoto requested that as much funding as possible be kept for the Dumbarton Rail Corridor project, that any redirection of funds be postponed, and that staff continue to reach out to the cities served by the corridor.

Arthur Dao (Alameda CTC) spoke in support of staff recommendation to reassign RM2 funding related to the Dumbarton Rail Corridor project and urged the Committee to approve the de-obligation requirement for the ACTC to program future STIP funds to the Dumbarton Corridor Rail project.

Commissioner Tissier commented on the importance of keeping the projects that are ready to go moving forward.

Commissioner Haggerty expressed his appreciation for the leadership of this Committee.

The Committee, upon the motion of Commissioner Tissier and a second by Commissioner Bates, unanimously approved the referral of MTC Resolution No. 3801, Revised to the Commission for approval.

- ***Amendments to the Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Program and Allocations. MTC Resolutions Nos. 3658, Revised, 3889, Revised, and 3890, Revised.***

Kenneth Folan, MTC Programming and Allocations Section, presented a request to allocate \$3.1 million and \$2.3 million in RM2 funds to the Vallejo Curtola Transit Center and the I-880 North Safety Improvement projects, respectively, consistent with the RM2 Strategic Deliver Plan.

The Committee, upon the motion of Commissioner Pirzynski and a second by Commissioner Tissier, unanimously approved the referral of MTC Resolution Nos. 3658, Revised, 3889, Revised, and 3890, Revised to the Commission for approval.

- ***Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Operating Program for FY2014-15 and RM2 Operating Program Performance Update. MTC Resolution No. 4142.***

Cheryl Chi, MTC Programming and Allocations Section, presented an update on the performance of RM2 funded routes and recommendations for FY2014-15 programming.

The Committee, upon the motion of Commissioner Tissier and a second by Commissioner Pirzynski, unanimously approved the referral of MTC Resolution No. 4142 to the Commission for approval.

Federal

- ***2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 2013-16. MTC Resolution No. 4075, Revised.***

Adam Crenshaw, MTC Programming and Allocations Section, presented revisions to 91 projects with a net increase in funding of approximately \$683 million, including redirecting funds from phase 2 to phase 1 of the Transbay Terminal/Caltrain Downtown Extension project to reflect the updated phase 1 project budget, and adding the construction phase cost to the Golden Gate Bridge suicide deterrent safety barrier for \$80 million.

The Committee, upon the motion of Commissioner Pirzynski and a second by Commissioner Wiener, unanimously approved the referral of MTC Resolution No. 4075 to the Commission for approval.

Public Comment/ Information

Vice Chair Campos adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:10 a.m.