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Policy Advisory Council  
May 14, 2014  
**Minutes**

Chair Cathleen Baker called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Policy Advisory Council members in attendance were: Naomi Armenta, Jim Blacksten, Richard Burnett, JoAnn Busenbark, Carlos Castellanos, Bena Chang, Wilbert Din, Veda Florez, Sandi Galvez, Richard Hedges, Randi Kinman, Jerry Levine, Mark Nicholson, Gerald Rico, Linda Jeffery Sailors, Benjamin Schweng, and Mordechai Winter. **Excused:** Caroline Bañuelos, Chris Coursey, Mike Pechner and Alan Talansky. **Absent:** Elizabeth Clary, Bob Glover and Timothy Reeder,

MTC Commissioner Dorene Giacomini was also in attendance.

**Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the April 9, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Linda Jeffrey Sailors and a second by Wilbert Din.

**Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda**

Chair Baker announced Jack Gray recently resigned from the Policy Advisory Council; no decisions have been made yet regarding recruitment for the position.

**Subcommittee Report**

Equity and Access Subcommittee Chair Naomi Armenta reported that the subcommittee met earlier in the day and continued the discussion of best practices for paratransit service and paratransit alternatives. Additionally, Ms. Armenta announced Veda Florez and Richard Hedges have officially joined the Equity and Access Subcommittee.

**Discussion: MTC Public Engagement**

Chair Cathleen Baker introduced Ellen Griffin, MTC Principal Public Information Officer, who gave some background on MTC public engagement. The Council divided into three groups and spent time brainstorming ideas for public engagement. A list of the items from the discussion will be presented at the June 2014 Policy Advisory Council meeting.

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### **Staff Liaison Report**

Ms. Grove presented her staff liaison report, reminding members that as part of the 2015 update to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Equity and Access Subcommittee will review the methodology for the TIP investment analysis at its meeting next month. She also informed the Council that the Draft 2015 TIP will be on the Council's agenda for review in July. Additionally, Ms. Grove highlighted two MTC programs that recently received a 2014 Clean Air Award.

### **Council Member Reports**

There were no Council member reports.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **Adjournment/Next Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m. The next meeting of the Policy Advisory Council is scheduled for June 11, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, California.