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Minutes**

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Vice Chair Campos called the meeting to order at approximately 10:22 a.m. Committee members present were: Commissioners Dodd, 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: Giacopini, Haggerty, Halsted, and Mackenzie.

Consent Calendar

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

- Minutes of the June 11, 2014 meeting;
- Allocation of \$2.6 million in Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Capital funds to the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) for the environmental and preliminary engineering phase of the North-South Greenway Gap Closure project. MTC Resolution No. 3649, Revised;
- Allocation of \$9.3 million in Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Capital funds to AC Transit for advance construction activities for the East Bay Bus Rapid Transit project. MTC Resolution No. 3655, Revised;
- Proposition 1B – Transit: FY2014-15 Population-based Funds Allocation Request for \$51.0 million for Urban Core and Small Operator/Northern County projects. MTC Resolution No. 3880, Revised; and
- Revisions to the Third Cycle Lifeline Transportation Program of Projects and the Proposition 1B – Regional Transit Program. MTC Resolution Nos. 4053, Revised and 3880, Revised.

Federal

- ***Golden Gate Bridge Suicide Deterrent System – Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP)/Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Cycles 1 and 2 Program Revisions. MTC Resolution Nos. 3925, Revised and 4035, Revised.***

Ross McKeown, Programming and Allocations Section, presented a proposal to fund the Golden Gate Bridge Suicide Deterrent System with a contribution of \$27 million and to make adjustments to the Freeway Performance Initiative (FPI) program and other revisions to the Cycle 1 and Cycle 2 Program Revisions. MTC Resolution Nos. 3925, Revised and 4035, Revised.

Commissioner Campos thanked Committee members and staff, and acknowledged the very critical role that the families of the victims have played in assisting all the parties to arrive at this point.

Commissioner Wiener also thanked Committee members and staff and commented that it is hard to believe that it's taken 40 years of dialogue to arrive at this point.

Commissioner Tissier commented that it was important for the Committee to hear from the families that have been affected by suicide on the Golden Gate Bridge and made a motion to support staff's proposal to fund the suicide deterrent system.

Commissioner Worth expressed appreciation for the families', staff, and Commissioners' involvement in moving the suicide deterrent project forward.

Commissioner Dodd also expressed appreciation to the families for the important role that sharing their tragic stories has had in raising awareness for the need of a suicide deterrent system.

Commissioner Haggerty commented that as a non-voting member of this Committee he would be voting yes quietly off to the side, and noted that there is a lot of work that must be done to move forward with the project as quickly as possible.

Commissioner Halsted commented that this is an incredibly important step being taken and that it is unfortunate that it has taken so long to reach this point.

Commissioner Quan commented on the importance of reaching youth during troubled times because this is a period in which they can be very vulnerable to suicide.

Mr. Heminger expressed condolences to the families and the hope that their pain would be eased by the suicide deterrent system saving lives. He also expressed gratitude to MTC staff member Ross McKeown for his efforts in finding funding in unlikely places to support the project.

Public Comments:

Janet Reilly (Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District Board of Directors) and Denis Mulligan (Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District) thanked MTC for their work and support in providing funding for the suicide deterrent system.

Paul Muller (Bridge Rail Foundation), Patricia Richards, John Brooks, Sue Story, Kay James (Bridge Rail Foundation), Sarah Cherny, Erika Brooks (Bridge Rail Foundation), and David Hull (Bridge Rail Foundation) shared personal experiences regarding victims of suicide and spoke in support of funding for the suicide deterrent system.

Commissioner Campos requested a roll call vote on the motion made by Commissioner Tissier and seconded by Commissioner Wiener, which was unanimous with all Committee members voting to approve the referral of MTC Resolution Nos. 3925, Revised and 4035, Revised to the Commission for approval.

- ***Public Hearing: Draft 2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis for Plan Bay Area and the Draft 2015 TIP.***

Commissioner Campos provided introductory comments and opened the public hearing. Adam Crenshaw, MTC Programming and Allocations Section, presented an overview of the Draft TIP and Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis for Plan Bay Area.

Commissioner Quan requested clarification of how the TIP Investment Analysis ascribed projects to minority populations. Ms. Bockelman offered to brief Commissioner Quan in greater detail.

Commissioner Campos asked for public comment and there were two public speakers:

- John Keener of Pacifica, in San Mateo County, spoke in opposition of the Clara Parkway project also known as the Highway 1 Widening or State Route 1 Fassler to West Port Drive; and
- Ken Bukowski suggested the creation of an Express Bus Lane on the Bay Bridge to encourage the use of public transit.

Commissioner Campos closed the public hearing and noted that the public comment period will be open until 5 pm on July 31st and MTC will continue to accept comments until then.

Regional

- ***Allocation of FY2014-15 Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds, State Transit Assistance (STA) funds, Assembly Bill (AB) 1107 funds and Regional Measure 2 (RM2) operating funds and capital funds to various claimants in the region, and revision to the FY2014-15 Fund Estimate. MTC Resolution Nos. 4133, Revised, 4143, Revised, 4144, Revised, 4145, Revised, and 4146, Revised.***

William Bacon, MTC Programming and Allocations Section, presented revisions to the FY2014-15 Fund Estimate to update prior year actual revenues, and an allocation request of \$239 million to various operators (Fast, SFMTA, Soltrans, Sonoma County, and VTA) to support transit operations.

The Committee, upon the motion of Commissioner Tissier and a second by Commissioner Worth, unanimously approved the referral of MTC Resolution Nos. 4133, Revised, 4143, Revised, 4144, Revised, 4145, Revised, and 4146, Revised to the Commission for approval.

California Transportation Commission Update

Kenneth Kao, Programming and Allocations Section, provided the Committee a brief update on the California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting held on June 25 in Sacramento, CA.

Public Comment/ Information

Vice Chair Campos adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:19 a.m.