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Legislation Committee
September 12, 2014
Minutes

Attendance

Committee Chair Haggerty called the Legislation Committee meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. Committee members in attendance were Vice Chair Liccardo and Commissioners Aguirre, Giacomini, Halsted, Kinsey, Luce, Mackenzie 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 Tissier and Wiener.

Consent Calendar

The consent calendar was unanimously approved after a motion by Commissioner Liccardo and a second by Commissioner Halsted.

2015 Public Participation Plan

Ellen Griffin, MTC staff, presented an overview of the anticipated process and schedule for updating MTC's Public Participation Plan in 2015.

Chair Haggerty recognized a member of the public:

Former Emeryville councilmember Ken Bukowski encouraged Committee members to use video as a way to reach out to the community.

State Legislative Update

Rebecca Long, MTC staff, presented an overview of the 2014 State Legislative Session.

Chair Haggerty requested that as staff considers legislation for next year, MTC consider sponsoring legislation to improve carpool lane enforcement, which he noted was a serious and growing problem.

Update on Guideline Development for Cap and Trade Funding

Ms. Long provided an overview of the state's rollout of the new Cap & Trade-funded transportation and affordable housing programs established by SB 862.

Committee Discussion:

- Ms. Long informed the Committee that the CalEnviro Screen is unlikely to be dropped altogether as the tool for identifying disadvantaged communities with respect to Cap and Trade funding targets; however, she suggested that the variables might be weighed differently than originally proposed by CalEPA. Ms. Long noted that MTC recommended rent burden be added to account for cost of living.

Update on Guideline Development for Cap and Trade Funding (Continued)

- Steve Heminger, MTC Executive Director, noted that disadvantaged communities are required to benefit from at least 25 percent of the overall Cap and Trade funding.

H.R. 5021, Extension of MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century)

Randy Rentschler, MTC Director, presented a summary of legislation enacted to extend the current federal surface transportation program through May 2015.

Tom Bulger's Report

The Committee received the report as presented by Mr. Rentschler. Mr. Rentschler mentioned the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant funding was allocated earlier in the week, noting that California only received six percent of the funding.

Other Business/Public Comment/Adjourn

Policy Advisory Council member Rich Hedges agreed with Chair Haggerty that stronger CHP enforcement for violations in the carpool lane is needed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 am. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 10, 2014, at 9:40 a.m. in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, California.