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MTC PLANNING COMMITTEE
September 12, 2014
MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Chair Sperring called the MTC Planning Committee meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Planning Committee members in attendance were: Commissioners Aguirre, Haggerty, Halsted, Kinsey, Liccardo, Luce, and Mackenzie. Commissioner Tissier, and Wiener were present as ad hoc non-voting members of the Committee. Commission Chair Rein-Worth was present in her ex-officio voting member capacity.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Minutes of July 11, 2014

Commissioner Haggerty moved and Mackenzie seconded approval of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed unanimously.

GUIDELINES FOR COUNTYWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLANS

Mr. Doug Johnson presented the recommended revisions to the Guidelines for Countywide Transportation Plans, and requested the Committee refer the updated Guidelines, as a revision to Attachment A of MTC Resolution No. 2120, to the full Commission for approval.

Committee discussion:

- Commissioner Sperring requested the following revisions to the Guidelines:
 - 1) **Part II. B. CTPs as the Primary Basis for RTP.** After the language quoting 66531(f), make the following addition: "The Guidelines are advisory and preparation of CTPs are voluntary in statute".
 - 2) **Appendix B: Plan Bay Area Performance Targets.** Make the following addition: "Plan Bay Area's performance targets do not constitute requirements or goals that apply to decisions under the jurisdiction of local governments. MTC's Resolution 3987 outlines the performance framework for Plan Bay Area and is available as a resource for counties (see Appendix C)."
 - 3) **Appendix B: Plan Bay Area Performance Targets.** Add "if there is a feasible way to do so" to the end of (1) Reduce per-capita carbon dioxide emissions from cars and light-duty trucks by 7 percent by 2020 and 15 percent by 2035.
- Commissioner Mackenzie stated that he would like to see a reference to Priority Conservation Areas. Mr. Johnson stated that they may not be referenced equal to the PDAs, and staff will add another reference.

Public Comment:

- Ms. Danielle Schmitz, NCTPA, expressed their support for staff's recommendation and the recommended changes indicated by Chair Spering. She commended staff for working so diligently with the CMA Planning Directors throughout the process. She also agreed with the effective date of October 1, 2014, and with having flexibility understanding that each county is unique in the region.
- Mr. Paul Campos, BIA Bay Area, also commended staff on conducting a thorough and transparent process, and recommended two amendments that make clear exactly what the Guidelines are and are not in terms of MTC's intentions. He stated that it's important to include a statement stating that the guidelines are not mandatory and compliance with them is not a condition of receiving MTC funding and that future discretion will be maintained. He also expressed the importance of adding that language if staff is going to include the performance targets.
- Ms. Clarrissa Cabansagan, TransForm, expressed support for MTC to renew its guidelines and stated that there needs to be a stronger link between the Countywide Plans and Plan Bay Area, and better referencing to the equity analysis as to what it actually means as well as the consequences and incentives to Countywide Plans to be done in a timely manner.
- Mr. David Uniman, SFCTA, thanked staff for a very inclusive process of developing and updating the guidelines. He recognized the importance of the relationship between Plan Bay Area and the Countywide Transportation Plans and value the flexibility that exists to tailor the Countywide Transportation Plans to address local issues and concerns in both content and schedule. He expressed his support of the Countywide Guidelines adoption.
- Mr. Matt Regan, Bay Area Council, expressed support for flexibility in the guidelines, and supports the recommended changes offered by Chair Spering.

Commissioner Mackenzie moved approval of MTC Resolution 2120, Revised, with the noted changes recommended by Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Mackenzie. Commissioner Aguirre seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Spering announced the passing of former Senator John Foran, and adjourned the meeting in his memory. The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m. The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 10, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, CA.