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COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, September 24, 2014

Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium
101 Eighth Street
Oakland, CA 94607

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Vice Chair Cortese called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m. In addition to Vice Chair Cortese the following Commissioners were present: Aguirre, Dodd, Giacopini, Haggerty, Halsted, Kinsey, Liccardo, Luce, Pirzynski, Quan, Spering, Tissier, and Wiener.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Vice Chair Cortese reminded Commissioners about MTC's biennial transportation awards ceremony which will take place at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 22nd at the Scottish Rite Center in Oakland and indicated that the BATA and Commission meetings starting time will be delayed.

POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

Cathleen Baker presented the Policy Advisory Council report and indicated the Council received an update on the Lifeline Transportation Program Cycle 4 Guidelines, the Regional Means-Based (Low-Income) Transit Fare Pricing Study. She indicated that the Council is hopeful that the technical advisory composition will involve all of the appropriate transit operators and that the findings will be something that can be implemented in a reasonable amount of time.

The Council also received an update on the Regional Goods Movement Plan and Ms. Baker indicated that the Council had comments about putting some regional innovations in a nation-wide context, continuing in the public outreach linking this to Plan Bay Area, and placing in the context of the regional prosperity plan and partnering with workforce investment beyond the infrastructure itself. The Council discussed the Countywide Transportation Plan Guidelines that the Commission will be acting on at this meeting; and appreciated the increased specificity and the CMA partnership and recognizes that they are guidelines and not requirements. The Council also reviewed the legislative update presented and will be identifying new sources of revenue for the region and will be brainstorming more into it in the near future. Ms. Baker also reported the Council touched on the California Air Resources Board's Guidelines around the distribution of funds to the disadvantaged communities as the disadvantage definition does not align with the region's communities of concern.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Steve Heminger, Executive Director, presented the Executive Director's report to the Commission. Copies of the report are available from the Executive Office or http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/ed_report.htm.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Wiener informed Commissioners regarding the Transbay Transit Terminal project's funding status and the City response.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Commission received public comment from the following individual in reference to Resolution No. 3675.

- David Lyons, ACCE – spoke in support of utilizing RM2 funds to add/include public restrooms for the use of AC Transit drivers/operators and public in transit hubs.

After receipt of public comment and upon the motion by Commissioner Sperring and second by Commissioner Tissier, the Commission unanimously approved the Consent Calendar:

- Commission Meeting Minutes – July 23, 2014.

Programming and Allocations Committee

- Resolution No. 3653, Revised – Rescission of \$1.8 million and allocation of \$2 million in Regional Measure 2 (RM2) funds for the Caldecott Tunnel Fourth Bore project.
- Resolution No. 3675 – Allocation of \$766,000 in Regional Measure 2 (RM2) funds to AC Transit for the Richmond Parkway Transit Center project.
- Resolution Nos. 3708, Revised and 4050, Revised – Allocation of \$30,000 in Regional Measure 2 (RM2) funds to the Eastern Contra Costa County Transit Authority for 511 Real-Time Transit Information Integration.
- Resolution No. 4035, Revised – MTC concurrence and approval for proposed amendments to the 2014 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) for two projects in Santa Clara County.
- Resolution No. 4097 – Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (CTSA) Designation for Solano Transportation Authority in Solano County.

- Resolution No. 4098, Revised – Revision to FY 2013-14 Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Operating Assistance Program.
- Resolution No. 4156 – Approval of Program Guidelines for the FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities for Large Urbanized Areas of the San Francisco Bay Area.
- Resolution No. 4157 – Allocation of \$10 million in Regional Measure 2 (RM2) funds to AC Transit for the Dumbarton Express Bus Replacement project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programming and Allocations Committee – Spring for Glover

- Resolution No. 4133, Revised – Revises the FY 2014-15 Fund Estimate distribution of State Transit Assistance (STA) to reflect the latest distribution factors released by the State Controller's Office.

Upon the motion by Commissioner Spring and second by Commissioner Tissier the Commission unanimously approved Resolution No. 4133, Revised.

- Resolution No. 4132, Revised – Adoption of the 2014 Regional Active Transportation Program (ATP). This revision adopts the 2014 Regional Competitive Active Transportation Program of projects and programs roughly \$30 million of state and federal funds to 11 projects in the region and directs staff to transmit the recommended project list to the California Transportation Commission.

The Commission received public comment from the following:

- David Schonbrunn, TRANSDEF – spoke in support of giving Santa Rosa flexibility to use funds for the overcrossing of highway 101 for bicycles and pedestrians and asked to expand the scope of this project for that purpose.

After receipt of public comment and upon the motion made by Commissioner Spring and second by Commissioner Dodd the Commission unanimously approved Resolution No. 4132, Revised.

- Resolution Nos. 4175 and 4176 – Adoption of the 2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Federal Air Quality Conformity Determination for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the 2015 TIP.

Upon the motion made by Commissioner Spring and second by Commissioner Tissier the Commission unanimously approved Resolution Nos. 4175 and 4176.

- **Resolution No. 4035, Revised** – Transit Performance Initiative (TPI) Investment Program – Round Two programs approximately \$23 million in STP/CMAQ funds through the Transit Performance Initiative (TPI) Investment Program (\$19 million in funding for TPI Investment Round Two, and scope determination for \$4 million for SFMTA Round One project); addition of SMART to Clipper® small operator funding (previously approved); shifting of \$500,000 of federal funds within Freeway Performance Initiative.

Upon the motion made by Commissioner Spering and second by Commissioner Aguirre the Commission unanimously approved Resolution No. 4035, Revised.

Planning Committee – Spering

- **Resolution No. 2120, Revised** – Recommended revisions to the Guidelines for Countywide Transportation Plans.

The Commission received public comment from the following individuals:

- Paul Campos, BIA – spoke in support of Resolution No. 2120, Revised as amended.
- Matt Regan, Bay Area Council – spoke in support of Resolution No. 2120, Revised as amended.
- Gloria Bruce, East Bay Housing Organizations – spoke in support of Resolution No. 2120, Revised without revisions made at the Planning Committee level.
- Clarrissa Cabansagan, TRANSFORM – spoke in support of Resolution No. 2120, Revised without revisions made at the Planning Committee level.
- Louise Auerhohn, Working Partnerships USA – spoke in support of Resolution No. 2120, Revised without revisions made at the Planning Committee level.
- David Schonbrunn, TRANSDEF – spoke in support of Resolution No. 2120, Revised without revisions made at the Planning Committee level.
- Peter Lydon – spoke in support of Resolution No. 2120, Revised without revisions made at the Planning Committee level.
- David Zisser, Public Advocate – spoke in support of Resolution No. 2120, Revised without revisions made at the Planning Committee level.

After receipt of public comment and upon the motion made by Commissioner Spering and second by Commissioner Halsted the Commission unanimously approved Resolution No. 2120, Revised as amended and with the clarification to remove the words "or goals" from page 11 of Attachment A to Resolution No. 2120, Revised.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Andre Carpiaux – emphasized the issue of solar energy efficiency.
- Jane Kramer – spoke in support of community design, living spaces along transit corridors that provide for the health of those that inhabit them.

- Louise Auerhohn, Working Partnership, USA – spoke in support of transit service expansion and seeks to meet with Chair Worth to discuss further.
- Mary Lim-Lampe, Genesis – spoke in support of Plan Bay Area and asked for a meeting with senior staff.

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Commission Vice Chair Cortese adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m. There being no further business or public comment, Vice Chair Cortese announced the next regular Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 22, 2014 and to note that meetings starting times will be delayed due to the Awards Ceremony on same date.

Dave Cortese, Vice Chair