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**MTC PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**October 10, 2014**  
**MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

Chair Sperring called the MTC Planning Committee meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Planning Committee members in attendance were: Commissioners Aguirre, Giacomini, Haggerty, Liccardo, Luce, and Mackenzie. Commissioner Bates, Campos, and Tissier, were present as ad hoc non-voting members of the Committee. Commission Chair Rein-Worth, and Vice Chair Cortese were present in their ex-officio voting member capacity.

**CONSENT CALENDAR: Minutes of September 12, 2014**

Commissioner Mackenzie moved approval of the Consent Calendar, Commissioner Aguirre seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**STATUS UPDATE ON THE BAY AREA REGIONAL PROSPERITY PLAN**

Mr. Vikrant Sood provided a status update on the overall program as well as pilot projects that were funded through a \$3 million sub-grant program. He also presented topic areas that have been identified by the three working groups as a framework for documenting lessons learned and potential next steps.

Committee discussion:

- Commissioner Worth asked staff if they are looking at the availability of homes for workforce housing that the banks have been selling to major investors. Mr. Sood stated that they have not been able to collect a lot of data relating to this issue because it is not readily available at this time, but do recognize that it is a major issue both in terms of housing affordability for workers as well as mitigating some of the impacts of foreclosure that can cause displacement of minority and low income communities. He noted that this an area for staff follow-up.
- Commissioner Liccardo commented on the project's challenges and the wide range of perspectives among stakeholders on potential solutions that could effectively address key issues. He expressed his concern that MTC is not the organization to address these challenges and suggested that MTC explore the option of creating a new regional organization that can drive a prosperity initiative with great success.
- Commissioner Mackenzie commented on rising poverty in the suburbs. He highlighted the need to define disadvantaged communities based on local conditions, which may differ by community.

- Commissioner Spring agreed with Commissioner Liccardo, and asked staff if there has been any discussion about creating a new regional entity. Mr. Sood stated that the Prosperity Plan consortium is just beginning these conversations and they are also looking at other regions for potential models. Mr. Heminger noted that although this is outside of MTC's comfort zone, it has been useful for staff to go through this process and learn about very important factors in the economy that drive a lot of the transportation results, problems, and challenges that MTC deals with. He suggested that the Commission think this through and be mindful of the fact that in terms of following through on a lot of the research, staff will need to hand the ball off to other agencies and institutions that are better equipped.
- Commissioner Spring requested that this item go before the Joint Policy Committee to discuss what existing or new agency would be the most logical to take this on.
- Commissioner Bates suggested that staff bring this to the legislature to see if a separate agency can be established.
- Commissioner Luce stated that there needs to be a more focused subcommittee with the real intent of partnering with state and federal levels of government to come up with a more meaningful conclusion.
- Commissioner Tissier noted that the grants engaged many grassroots organizations, where a lot of good things happened especially in the construction trades. She stated that having some of these grants and getting the locals involved can be very beneficial. She also stated that the grant is tied closely to Plan Bay Area which itself represents a broadened scope for MTC, that is in many ways positive.
- Commissioner Aguirre concurred with Commissioner Tissier.

Public Comment:

- Mr. Bob Allen, Urban Habitat, expressed his concern on how the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) would view stakeholders who are not at the table now and voicing their concerns outside of the process. He noted that everyone needs to be at the table. There is a diversity of projects going on and trying to best address the needs and get consensus is very important.
- Ms. Pilar Lorenzana-Campo, NPH, agreed with Mr. Allen's comments and stated that it is very disingenuous for the Bay Area Council to solicit funds from MTC to do their own economic plan. She noted that the HUD sustainable grant is intended to support locally led efforts to bring diverse interests together in an effort to support and solve complicated policies.
- Ms. Jean Long, TransForm, announced their new tool, [database.greentrip.org](http://database.greentrip.org) which shows recent building and parking data that will inform appropriate parking standards within an affordable housing and transit oriented context. The Regional Prosperity Plan has sponsored this project.
- Rev. Kirsten Spalding, San Mateo County Union Community Alliance, expressed her excitement with the outcomes of the process, and hopes that this not only becomes a document, but a process of stakeholder engagement that will make a change.
- Mr. Peter Cohen, Council of Community Housing Organizations, echoed the other speakers concerns regarding the Regional Prosperity Plan process, and commented on it being a beneficial effort for the diverse communities and constituencies.

**OTHER BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT**

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 14, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, CA.