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**MTC PLANNING COMMITTEE/ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMITTEE
November 14, 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 Giacopini, Haggerty, Halsted, Kinsey, Liccardo, Luce, and Mackenzie. Commission Chair Rein-Worth, and Vice Chair Cortese were present in their ex-officio voting member capacity. Commissioner Bates, Quan, and Wiener, were present as ad hoc non-voting members of the Committee.

ABAG Administrative committee members present were: Cortese, Eklund, Haggerty, Harrison, Liccardo, Luce, Mar, Pierce, Quan, and Sperring.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Minutes of October 10, 2014

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

PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION IN THE BAY AREA'S "BIG THREE" CITIES

Mr. Ken Kirkey, MTC, introduced Mr. Harry Freitas, Mr. Michael Brilliot, and Mr. Steve Piasecki from the City of San Jose; Mr. John Rahaim, and Mr. Gil Kelley from the City of San Francisco; and, Ms. Rachel Flynn from the City of Oakland all of which presented an overview of their city's plan for future growth, alignment with Plan Bay Area, current transportation-related growth challenges, and opportunities to advance the implementation of Plan Bay Area at the local level.

Committee discussion:

- Commissioner Sperring commented on the City of San Jose's presentation and asked how industrial growth is integrated into the Plan, and where it's located. Mr. Piasecki stated that North San Jose has a plan for 32,000 housing units in addition to millions of square feet of commercial development. There are 8,000 units that are currently permitted. He indicated that both Downtown San Jose and the city's designated urban villages encompass residential and commercial uses. He clarified that industrial impels manufacturing and warehousing uses, and both are prioritized and preserved in the city's general plan.
- Commissioner Sperring commented on the City of San Francisco's presentation and asked about population growth and diversity. Mr. Rahaim stated that the African American population is decreasing, and is below 5%, the Hispanic population is approximately 18% and the Asian population is about 33%. He noted that most of the growth is in Caucasian populations because of the influx of jobs.

- Commissioner Worth commented on the charts that show migration and housing movement as helpful to understanding where people are going and what type of transportation resources are needed. She asked if they will be able to produce the housing consistent with the plans. Mr. Kelley stated that the Mayor of San Francisco has announced a major housing initiative that calls for creating 30,000 new housing units by 2020.
- Commissioner Bates expressed his concern with BART being overly crowded due to the population growth, and noted that they need to figure out some way to address that.
- Commissioner Wiener stated that MTC adopted the Core Capacity matching grant to try to prioritize investment in the core particularly for MUNI, BART, AC Transit and VTA. He noted that San Francisco also recently passed Propositions A & B, which will generate additional funding for transit capacity in the next 15 years.
- Commissioner Wiener commented on Oakland's presentation and asked how Oakland has been navigating the challenges with the Fire Department and narrow streets. Ms. Flynn stated that a lot of it comes down to the Fire Chief and/or Fire Marshall and educating that person. She noted that they would like to bring in Nelson Nygaard to talk about a long-term plan in changing the vehicle types.
- Commissioner Cortese asked how much economic modeling has been done on what happens on the East Bay side once South Bay BART opens. Ms. Flynn stated that they are updating their economic development strategy and will report that information once complete.
- Commissioner Kinsey recommended that the next generation of planning for the Bay Area distinguish the fact that the smaller communities are important. He also asked how Oakland is handling the resilience issue responding to the sea-level rise. Ms. Flynn stated that they studied that as part of the Environmental Impact Report, and for example with Brooklyn Basin they are raising the grade two feet to address this issue, and they brought it up in the West Oakland area where it's most vulnerable. She noted that developers know that this is an issue, that if you are right on the waterfront, it will need to be addressed.
- Commissioner Spring stated that it would be good if the "Three Big Cities" could report on an annual basis so everyone can understand the importance of the economics of the entire Bay Area.
- Commissioner Haggerty suggested that they hear from the next three largest cities, notably the City of Fremont, and the City of Santa Rosa.

Public Comment:

- Mr. Egon Terplan, SPUR, stated that the work they are doing as an organization is to work very closely with San Francisco, San Jose, and Oakland on how they take on the question of Plan Bay Area implementation and transportation evolution. He highlighted one issue of regional importance, which is the question of balancing jobs and housing in the location of employment.

OTHER BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 12, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, CA.