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Vice Chair Campos called the meeting to order at approximately 10:26 a.m. Committee members present were: Commissioners Baker, Bates, Glover, Luce, Sartipi, Tissier, and Wiener. Commission Chair Worth and Vice Chair Cortese were present as ex-officio voting members of the Committee. Other Commissioners present as ad hoc non-voting members of the Committee were: Aguirre, Giacomini, Haggerty, Halsted, Kinsey, Mackenzie, Pierce, and Spring.

Consent Calendar

The Committee unanimously approved the following consent items after a motion by Commissioner Tissier and a second by Commissioner Glover:

- Minutes of the December 10, 2014 meeting;
- Revisions to the Surface Transportation Program/Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (STP/CMAQ) Cycle 1 Climate Initiatives Program. MTC Resolution No. 3925, Revised; and
- Approval of \$5.8 million in allocation requests for Proposition 1B Transit Security population-based funds. MTC Resolution No. 3882, Revised.

In addition, the Committee received one item for information: the Quarterly Report of the Executive Director's Delegated Authority Actions.

State

- ***Cap and Trade – Low Carbon Transit Operations Program: FY2014-15 Population-based funds distribution framework for approximately \$2.4 million. MTC Resolution No. 4170.***

Kenneth Folan, Programming and Allocations Section, presented a recommendation to assign funds to transit operators based on formula distribution consistent with the Commission's December 2013 adoption of the Cap and Trade/Core Capacity framework for approximately \$3.1 billion estimated over the Plan Bay Area twenty-five year timeframe and a recommendation to review the distribution framework after the FY2014-15 programming round that considers actual revenue from initial Cap and Trade auctions; additional guidelines and direction from the state agencies and further stakeholder outreach.

The Committee, upon the motion of Commissioner Glover and a second by Commissioner Baker, unanimously approved the referral of MTC Resolution No. 4170 to the Commission for approval.

Federal

- ***FY2013 and FY2014 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program of Projects. MTC Resolution No. 4168.***

Drennen Shelton, Planning Section, presented a recommendation under the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program for 32 projects in the large urbanized areas and 16 projects in the small urbanized areas to be amended into the Transportation Improvement Program and forwarded to Caltrans to be submitted to FTA to enter into subrecipient agreements with the sponsors upon FTA grant approval.

Commissioner Bates asked for clarification of which projects were selected for the small urbanized areas and Ms. Shelton explained that they are outlined in Attachment C of MTC Resolution No. 4168.

The Committee, upon the motion of Commissioner Glover and a second by Commissioner Tissier, unanimously approved the referral of MTC Resolution No. 4168 to the Commission for approval.

- ***Various actions to program (with conditions) \$153 million to San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) for the purchase of 40 additional light rail vehicles. MTC Resolution Nos. 4133, Revised, 4162, Revised, 4163, Revised, and 4169.***

Shruti Hari, Programming and Allocations Section, presented revisions to the FY2014-15 Transit Capital Priorities (TCP) program to re-program \$25 million from SFMTA's fixed Guideway rehabilitation projects, and advance \$44 million in AB664 bridge tolls and \$84 million in BATA project savings towards SFMTA's light rail vehicle purchase, with conditions for repayment.

Commissioner Baker asked if an analysis has been done to determine how competitive this project will be against other projects to assist the Commission in deciding which project to put forward that will meet the new Cap and Trade Guidelines. Ms. Bockelman explained that it is difficult to make a full assessment without the final guidelines. However, under the draft guidelines, greenhouse gas reductions and project readiness are the types of criteria that are listed as important and from that standpoint this project is very competitive.

Commissioner Baker asked if there is a window between the allocation and when money is actually to be spent when an analysis can be done on the likelihood of this project or other projects receiving Cap and Trade funding. Ms. Bockelman clarified that today's action is to program funding under the Commission's control such as bridge toll and some FTA funds, and not the Cap and Trade program.

Commissioner Wiener commented that the current Muni vehicles, which were purchased in the early 1990's, have numerous problems and have become a source of unreliability. He urged the Committee to support this project that would nearly double the number of vehicles in the Muni system.

Public Comments:

John Haley, SFMTA, commented that this project is the single most important thing that can be done in San Francisco to deliver both high quality service and to meet, not just transportation goals, but the quality of life goals that the region and city have laid out.

Maria Lombardo, San Francisco County Transportation Authority, commented that this project is a very thoughtful expansion project that will minimize maintenance needs going forward. She also stated that the SFCTA's Plans and Program Committee recommended \$2 million for an environmental study that will look at significant expansion of the Muni East maintenance facility enabling Muni to better maintain the current vehicle fleet, as well as these expansion vehicles.

The Committee, upon the motion of Commissioner Tissier and a second by Commissioner Baker, unanimously approved the referral of MTC Resolution Nos. 4133, Revised, 4162, Revised, 4163, Revised, and 4169 to the Commission for approval.

California Transportation Commission Update

Kenneth Kao, Programming and Allocations Section, provided the Committee a brief update on the California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting held on December 10 in Riverside, CA, including the approval of the Road Usage Charge Technical Advisory Committee in which Commissioner Scott Haggerty is a Committee member and the first meeting will be held on January 16; Proposition 1B Trade Corridor Improvement fund cost savings; development of the Inter-Regional Transportation Strategic Plan; and the appointment of Will Kempton as the new CTC Executive Director.

Public Comment/ Information

Ken Bukowski commented that he has created a separate video for each agenda item of the Committee meeting video.

Roland Lebron commented on crude by rail and the impact on California and he suggested that the Committee begin looking at the policy level of the entire pipeline system in California to determine if there is a way to build terminals as far north as possible.

Vice Chair Campos adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:00 a.m. and noted that the next meeting will be February 11 at 9:45 a.m. in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, First Floor, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland, CA.