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Legislation Committee
April 10, 2015
Minutes

Attendance

Vice Chair Liccardo called the Legislation Committee meeting to order at 11:06 a.m. Committee members in attendance were Commissioners Giacomini, Haggerty, Halsted, Kinsey, and Pierce. Also in attendance as ex-officio voting members were Commission Chair Cortese and Vice Chair Mackenzie. Commissioners Bates, Campos, Luce, Tissier, and Rein Worth were present as ad hoc non-voting members of the Committee.

Consent Calendar

The consent calendar was unanimously approved after a motion by Commissioner Kinsey and a second by Commissioner Halsted.

**Assembly Bill 156 / Assembly Bill 1176 (Perea), Assembly Bill 1336 (Salas),
Senate Bill 760 (Mendoza)**

Rebecca Long, MTC staff, presented AB 156 / AB 1176 (Perea), AB 1336 (Salas), SB 760 (Mendoza). Each of the bills would seek to dedicate additional Cap and Trade funding to areas designated by the California Environmental Protection Agency as "disadvantaged communities" (DACs). Given regional agency concerns with the methodology behind the CalEnviroScreen tool used to identify DACs, staff recommended an oppose position on all four bills.

Commissioner Haggerty moved to oppose AB 156 / AB 1176 (Perea), AB 1336 (Salas), SB 760 (Mendoza) and Commissioner Halsted seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved and moved to the Commission for approval.

Senate Bill 344 (Monning)

Ms. Long gave an overview of SB 344 (Monning), which would require commercial vehicle drivers to obtain state approved training in order to receive a commercial driver's license.

Commissioner Haggerty moved to support SB 344 (Monning), and Commissioner Kinsey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved and moved to the Commission for approval.

Assembly Bill 194 (Frazier)

Ms. Long presented AB 194 (Frazier) which would revive the California Transportation Commission (CTC)'s ability to approve new express lanes and eliminate the cap on the total number of facilities CTC may approve.

Assembly Bill 194 (Frazier) cont'd

Commissioner Pierce moved to support AB 194 (Frazier) and Commissioner Haggerty seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved and moved to the Commission for approval.

Senate Bill 773 (Allen)

Ms. Long gave an overview of SB 773 (Allen), which would require the University of California to conduct a study into motor vehicle registration fraud to identify the scope of the problem and recommend potential solutions to address it.

Commissioner Kinsey moved to support SB 773 (Allen) and Commissioner Haggerty seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved and moved to the Commission for approval.

Tom Bulger's Report

The Committee received the report directly from Tom Bulger, MTC's advocate in Washington, D.C. who was visiting to help coordinate a Congressional staff visit of the Bay Area's various transportation projects and facilities. MTC's annual trip to Washington and the Congressional Staff visit to the Bay Area were a success, noted Mr. Bulger.

Committee Discussion:

- Commission Chair Cortese thanked Mr. Bulger for his efforts on the Washington trip.
- Commissioner Kinsey questioned how the federal government would replace the funds needed to supplement the Highway Trust Fund. Mr. Bulger stated a General Fund infusion is most likely.
- In response to Commissioner Liccardo's suggestion of an import fee in response to the low price of gasoline and rising U.S. dollar, Mr. Bulger informed the committee that Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-Ore.), Ranking Member on the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, proposed a per barrel tax on oil.
- Commissioner Haggerty suggested investing more into transit as a way to clear congested highways. He also thanked Mr. Bulger for the work he has done in the past, present, and will do in the future.

Other Business/Public Comment/Adjourn

Mr. Ken Bukowski suggested legalizing on-line sports gambling as a way to raise revenue.

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 8, 2015 at 9:40 a.m. in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, California.