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Programming and Allocations Committee
March 1, 2006
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. Committee members in attendance were Commissioners Haggerty (Chair), Anderson, Blanchard, Kinsey, Tissier, and Young; also present were Commissioners McLemore, Giacomini, Halsted, and Lempert.

Consent Calendar

The committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2006 meeting as submitted.

The committee voted unanimously to refer the following resolutions to the full Commission for adoption.

- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 05-19. MTC Resolution No. 3630, Revised.
- Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Proposed Operating Allocation. MTC Resolution No. 3719, Revised.

An update on performance measures for Regional Measure 1 (RM1) Five Percent (Unrestricted) Bridge Toll Revenues was presented as an information item.

Regional Programming

Melanie Choy provided an update on the Regional Measure 2 (RM2) capital program. She said that an update on the operating program is planned for the September 2006 Programming and Allocations Committee meeting. She explained that in August of 2005 MTC contracted with T.Y. Lin International to provide program monitoring and reporting services for the RM2 program. Francis Lo, the project manager for T.Y. Lin on this project, was present to participate in the update to the committee. Ms. Choy illustrated the status of the RM2 capital program with a slide presentation emphasizing the allocations to-date as well as the expenditures for the program. In Mr. Lo's part of the presentation, he briefly went over the focus areas of T.Y. Lin's monitoring and reporting efforts and provided a general update on the state of the entire program, with additional information on specific projects. He said the next six months should see some additional project completions that benefit commuters; e.g., the widening of Sir Francis Drake Boulevard in Marin County, the interim Richmond Parkway park-and-ride project, signalization upgrades at Broadway, Telegraph, and

International Boulevard, and delivery of new AC Transit buses. Commissioner Haggerty complimented staff on monitoring the program to ensure the funding is spent appropriately for the projects identified in RM2, and for the quarterly monitoring of at-risk projects.

Jerry Grace, an Oakland resident, asked for clarification on some points in the slide presentation. He also mentioned that he was pleased about the funding that AC Transit was receiving.

Federal Programming

The committee voted unanimously to refer the following resolution to the full Commission for adoption.

- Proposed revisions to Short Range Transit Plan Guidelines. MTC Resolution No. 3532, Revised.

Marc Roddin told the committee that MTC currently requires each federally funded transit operator in the region to prepare a Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) every two years. The information is used in preparing the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The guidelines for the transit operators to use in preparing their SRTPs were set forth in an MTC Resolution approved in 2003. However, a change under the SAFETEA federal reauthorization approved last year shifts the update cycle for the TIP and RTP to every four years. Thus staff proposes revising the SRTP guidelines to change the SRTPs to a four-year cycle instead of the current biennial schedule, and add a new report called a Mini-SRTP consisting primarily of operating budget and capital inventory updates that would be due in the years when the full SRTP is not required. Additional changes in the guidelines include adding information on the transit operators' labor union agreements and including a copy of the Title VI report they already prepare. Furthermore, MTC will be moving forward with a regional approach to rider demographic surveys.

Public Comment

There was no public comment, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.