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**Legislation Committee  
July 13, 2007  
Minutes**

Chair Rubin called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m. Commissioners in attendance: Azumbrado, Chu, Giacopini, Haggerty, Halsted, Lempert, Sperring, Tissier, and Yeager.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the June 8, 2007 meeting were moved by Commissioner Sperring and seconded by Commissioner Yeager then approved.

**MTC Advisory Committees**

Pam Grove presented a slate of 60 candidates selected from 239 applicants to serve on MTC's three advisory committees over the next two years. She noted vacancies still on the Minority Citizens Advisory Committee to represent Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Solano, and Sonoma.

Chair Rubin recognized David Grant, candidate to the Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee and executive director of San Francisco's Senior Action Network, one of several groups he serves on to advocate for issues such as countdown traffic lights and legislation requiring buses to pull all the way to the curb. Besides pedestrian safety, he was interested in transit regionally, not solely in the City.

Commissioner Lempert acknowledged in the audience San Mateo County residents Rich Hedges and Marshall Loring for their strong and long-standing advisor efforts. The full slate of 28 continuing advisor appointments and 32 new appointments was moved by Commissioner Lempert, seconded by Commissioner Yeager; the committee unanimously referred Resolution No. 3516, Revised to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Giacopini noted a familiar name on the list of proposed MTC Advisory Council members — former MTC Commissioner and San Mateo County elected official Mary Griffin-Ramseur.

**Legislative History** - Rebecca Long reviewed bills in the July 2<sup>nd</sup> history.

**State Budget Update**

Ms. Long reported on issues of resolving Senate and Assembly budget differences amounting to diversion of funds from the Public Transportation Account anywhere from \$469 million to \$1.1 billion. Affected will be how much funding is available to the region for public transit projects programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Projects for next year, as well as the region's share of State Transit Assistance funding. Also affected will be funding for right of way purchases and route-specific engineering work for the California High Speed Rail system. She concluded that despite the Legislature's summer recess scheduled to begin July 20, several important budget matters remain in a state of flux.

**State Legislation**

Update on SB 748 (Corbett) – As information, Ms. Long summarized the allowing of uniform developer fees and voter-approved bridge tolls to qualify as local match under the State Local Partnership Program established by Prop. 1B and as proposed by SB 748. She

said receiving the most traction is Option #4 that calculates a revised north/south split based on revenue generated (sales taxes *and* bridge tolls). She said possibly the entire program would be deferred until 2010, but that some were pushing to get Option 4 into this year's budget.

*SB 9 (Lowenthal)* would provide direction to the California Transportation Commission regarding implementation of the \$2 billion Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Fund, and outlines criteria to guide the CTC as it selects projects. Carolyn Clevenger presented proposed advocacy principles related to regional targets, the match requirement and criteria for project selection, among other factors.

Chair Rubin recognized John Greitzer of Contra Costa County's Community Development Dept. who suggested that regional targets in principle #2 be established in consultation with local jurisdictions, and that the selection criteria in principle #7 include public health impacts and community support.

Regarding principle #1, Commissioner Chu suggested adding Hwy. 152 as a third trade corridor, given its extensive traffic in freight trucks. Therese McMillan said the focus was on interstate corridors and keeping the Bay Area competitive with Southern California. She stated that although Hwy. 152 is a key freight corridor, the region would be in a more competitive position if we limited our candidates to I-80 and I-580. Commissioner Chu suggested deleting the word "two" in principle #1. Commissioner Spring moved approval of the advocacy principles to include Commissioner Chu's modification to principle #1 and Mr. Greitzer's addition to principle #2. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and the committee unanimously referred to Commission adoption of the principles to guide MTC's legislative advocacy relative to a trailer bill.

*SB 974 (Lowenthal)* requires the ports of Oakland, Los Angeles and Long Beach to collect a user fee from the owner of a container moving through the ports at a rate not to exceed \$30 per 20-foot-equivalent unit. The money collected would be split evenly, with half the revenues dedicated to a Congestion Relief Fund administered by the California Transportation Commission and the other half dedicated to a Port Mitigation Fund administered by the State Air Resources Board.

Following a detailed presentation by Ms. Clevenger, Commissioner Halsted moved, Commissioner Yeager seconded, and the committee approved a position of "support and seek amendments" to SB 974 that were then referred to Commission for approval. The amendments included detailed language regarding a) structure of the user fee; b) selection of projects such a fee would fund; c) eligibility and flexibility for including highway projects; and d) declaring MTC as the entity in the bill when referencing Northern California. Commissioner Spring voted "no."

### **Federal Legislation**

*HR 2783 (Tauscher)* would allow the federal government to reimburse the state for the cost of additional transit service and traveler information provided in response to the Macarthur Maze collapse. Under current law, ferry service used to provide "temporary substitute highway traffic service" is eligible, but the law does not explicitly authorize reimbursement for other transit services. The bill would also ensure that such expenses would be reimbursable in the future. Commissioner Lempert moved, Commissioner Spring seconded, and the committee referred to Commission for approval a position of "support" on HR 2783.

*FY 2007-08 Budget* – Ms. Long noted that the House and Senate Appropriation Committees have each taken action on the FY 2008 transportation appropriations bill, and that the full House is expected to vote on it next week.

*Tom Bulger's Report* – Mr. Long said that Congress is considering energy bills and, for the first time in many years, is addressing CAFE standards (corporate average fuel economy).

### **Other Business/Public Comment/Next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for Sept. 14, 2007. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

