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Programming and Allocations Committee
July 11, 2007
Minutes

Chairperson Tissier called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m. Other Commissioners present were Commissioners Ammiano, Bates, Chu, Dodd, Giacomini, Haggerty, Halsted, Lempert, and Rubin.

Consent Calendar

The Committee approved the following consent items.

- *Minutes of June 13, 2007 meeting as submitted.*
- *FY 2006-07 Year End Transportation Development Act Allocation. MTC Resolution No. 3750, Revised.*
- *FY 2006-07 State Transit Assistance Regional Program Year-End Revisions. MTC Resolution No. 3761, Revised.*
- *In addition, the Committee received as information the Quarterly Report of the Executive Director's Delegated Authority Actions*

Regional Programming

- *Regional Measure 2 Program Allocations*

The Committee approved resolution Nos. 3647, Revised, 3652, Revised, 3662, Revised, 3663, Revised, and 3817, Revised allocating \$15 million in capital funds and \$2.1 million in operating funds.

Melanie Choy, MTC reported on the four capital projects totaling \$15 million.

Christina Verdin, MTC, reported on the four operating projects totaling \$2.1 million.

Commissioner Haggerty suggested adding two conditions to the resolution regarding allocating funds to the Dumbarton Rail project for preliminary engineering and environmental work. The first condition is that funding is contingent upon bringing all the alternatives to the same level of detail in the environmental analysis. The second condition is that SamTrans and the Caltrain Join Powers Board (JPB) move forward with the Capital Corridor to acquire the right of way from the Union Pacific for the improvements in Segment G.

Mayor Mark Green, Union City, supported the two conditions made by Commissioner Haggerty and added that the two conditions are needed to help the project move forward. Mayor Green commented that the right-of-way is needed to bring the project to its full potential.

Commissioner Tissier asked why SamTrans was participating in the right-of-way negotiations. Howard Goode, San Mateo County Transit District, stated that SamTrans is included because it owns the Dumbarton Rail right-of-way.

Howard Goode, San Mateo County Transit District, stated that the two conditions pose no problems for the project and also suggested an amendment to the scope of the resolution, to include Segment F. Currently the scope mentions Segments A through E, but to further negotiations with Union Pacific, Segment F needs to be included as well.

Resolution No. 3647 was approved with the addition of the two conditions Commissioner Haggerty suggested and Mr. Goode's amendment that segment F be added to the project's scope.

Commissioner Lempert stated that San Mateo County strongly supports the project and expressed the importance of transit to relieve traffic congestion and reduce emissions.

- *RM2 Capital Programming, Safe Routes to Transit (SR2T) Program, Round 2 Project Lists*
The Committee approved Resolution No. 3735, Revised which allocates \$3.9 million for ten projects in the Safe Routes to Transit Program for Cycle 2.

Kenneth Kao, MTC, and Carli Paine, Transportation and Land Use Coalition, presented information on the project selection process and the recommended Cycle 2 projects.

Commissioner Tissier asked if projects not accepted in the current cycle would be considered as priority for the next cycle. Ms. Paine stated that projects that show that they have improved due to feedback given from the previous cycle would likely be considered favorably for the next round.

Commissioner Haggerty requested that a list of both first and second cycle projects, including the projects that were not recommended for funding, be provided to the Commissioners as well as the guidelines for approving the projects.

Commissioner Chu asked about the Caltrain project that was approved for funding in the first cycle, but not approved in the second cycle. Ms. Paine stated that the requested amount for construction from the second cycle exceeded the advisory committee's preference for maximum funding amount from SR2T, and encouraged Caltrain to find additional sources of funding.

Dmitri Belser, Ed Roberts Campus and Center for Accessible Technology, stated that the Ed Roberts Campus was recommended to receive a \$325,000 grant under SR2T to improve pedestrian and bike access to the Ashby BART station. Mr. Belser expressed appreciation for the support for this project.

- *Resolution 3434 Plan Framework*

The Committee authorized MTC staff to prepare a strategic plan for the region's transit expansion program.

Anne Richman, MTC, provided background on Resolution 3434 Plan Framework.

Commissioner Chu asked if Resolution 3434 was accepting revisions to an existing plan and if there is an opportunity for new programs to be added beyond the small starts call for projects cited by Ms. Richman.

Ms. Bockelman stated that currently staff is not contemplating adding projects to Resolution 3434.

Commissioner Haggerty stated his support for this Strategic Plan effort.

Federal

- *Housing Incentive Program (HIP) Deadline Extension*

Doug Johnson, MTC, presented the HIP item to the Committee as an information item only noting that jurisdictions would be given until October 2007 to meet the groundbreaking deadline.

Commissioner Bates asked if a housing project not on the Resolution 3710 funding list would be eligible for a HIP grant. Mr. Johnson stated that projects had to be on the Resolution 3710 list, and that each city had a maximum grant of \$3 million available.

State

- *TDA, STA, and AB 1107 Funds.*

The Committee approved Resolution Nos. 3810, Revised, 3811, Revised, 3812, Revised which continues the FY 2007-08 annual allocation of Transportation Development Act (TDA), Assembly Bill (AB) 1107 and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds.

- *FY 2007-08 Fund Estimate Revision*

The Committee approved Resolution No. 3793, Revised that reflects the year-end revenue receipts for FY 2006-07 TDA, STA, and AB 1107 funds.

Theresa Romell, MTC, reported on the TDA, STA, and AB 1107 Funds and the FY 2007-08 Fund Estimate Revision.

Commissioner Halsted asked if staff had any comments on the budget versus service growth in regards to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) and how they are going to cope with the loss of spillover. Ms. Bockelman stated that in regards to spillover funds most of the operators have not planned on receiving it. The current budget negotiations –which are changing day-to-day – would double the amount of STA revenue for the region. The SFMTA has only a minor increase in cost; therefore there was no comment on their budget because there were no issues.

Commissioner Bates asked about the current status of the spillover. Ms. Bockelman stated that it is still under negotiation.

Commissioner Bates asked why there are no unmet transit needs in Solano County. Ms. Bockelman stated that there are transit needs in Solano County; however there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet per the state statute for making this determination. Therese McMillan added

that TDA laws determine the unmet transit needs. Commissioner Tissier asked if Solano County is aware of the unmet transit needs. Ms. Bockelman ensured the Committee that they are aware and are involved in the Solano County Unmet Transit Needs Hearing.

Jerry Grace, Oakland Resident, asked for a more in-depth explanation of the spillover funding. Commissioner Tissier suggested that Mr. Grace speak with MTC staff after the meeting.

Public Comment/Information

Mr. Grace expressed thanks to Commissioner Haggerty for the Alameda County Fair.