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Programming and Allocations Committee
September 12, 2007
Minutes

Chairperson Tissier called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m. Other Commissioners present were Commissioners Ammiano, Bates, Cortese, Dodd, Giacomini, Haggerty, Halsted, Kinsey, Lempert, Rubin, and Sartipi.

Consent Calendar

The Committee approved the following consent items.

- *Minutes of July 11, 2007 meeting as submitted.*
- *Revision to the FY 2007-08 State Transit Assistance (STA) Regional Discretionary Program in the amount of \$1 million. MTC Resolution No. 3813.*
- *Programming of Federal Transit Administration formula funds for Vallejo Transit and Benicia Transit. MTC Resolution 3714, Revised.*
- *Revisions to the Lifeline Program of Projects. MTC Resolution No. 3788, Revised.*
- *Amendment to the BART Car Replacement Agreement, MTC Resolution 3738, Revised.*
- *Allocation of FY 2007-08 Transportation Development Act (TDA), and State Transit Assistance (STA) to various claimants for transit capital and operating purposes. MTC Resolution Nos. 3810, Revised and 3811, Revised.*
- *2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 2007-14. MTC Resolution No. 3755, Revised.*
- *Request to hold an Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing for Solano County.*

Regional Programming

- *Regional Measure 2(RM2) Program Allocations*

The Committee approved MTC Resolution Nos. 3649, Revised, 3651, Revised, 3817, Revised, and 3823. These resolutions allocate RM2 funds totaling approximately \$27.3 million in capital funds and \$12.3 million in operating funds.

Melanie Choy, MTC, reported on the three capital allocations to the following projects: 1) Central Marin Ferry Connection; 2) Transbay Transit Center temporary terminal; and 3) transit capital rehabilitation, which is part of the BART-SFO settlement that was reached earlier in the year as well as the RM2 program amendment.

In addition, Melanie provided details on the four RM2 operating projects that are being recommended for allocation in September.

Commissioner Tissier asked that the next RM2 operating program update include a report on transit operator's dollars expended versus performance and ridership.

- *RM2 Capital Program Update*

The Committee was informed on the status of the RM2 capital program.

Ms. Choy reported that MTC is in its third year of the RM2 program. Since its inception, the RM2 capital program has allocated \$428 million. Most of the funding allocated to date has been for construction projects and environmental studies. RM2 has reimbursed sponsors approximately \$222 million, or half of the amount of funds that have been allocated. Progress reports of RM2 funded projects are based on monitoring work from TY Lin International, MTC's RM2 oversight consultant. One RM2 funded project that has been completed is the Benicia-Martinez bridge.

Commissioner Bate, asked about the allocation regarding the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) project. Ms. Choy stated that SMART is funding part of the Cal Park Hill project (bikeway project) because of the joint-use rail/bike tunnel, and that the allocation is not for the train expansion itself.

Mr. Jerry Grace asked about the new potential vessels for WTA. Chair Tissier asked that Ms. Choy provide him with an update after the Committee meeting.

State

- *Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF)*

The Commission received MTC staff's preliminary recommendations for the Proposition 1B TCIF program for informational purposes.

Carolyn Clevenger, MTC, reported that goods movement in California is focused heavily in Southern California. In order to compete effectively in the TCIF program, MTC staff is working to identify priority trade projects with regional partners and regions neighboring the Bay Area. Guidance from CTC and the legislature directs MTC to focus on multi regional corridors with high volumes of trade in the Bay Area. Those two corridors are the Central Corridor along I-80 and the Altamont Corridor along I-880/238/580 to the Central Valley.

In developing the draft program, the primary screens are locations on major trade corridors, availability of a one-to-one match required by the original legislation, as well as project readiness. The first tier of potential projects totals \$800 million, and includes each region's highest priority projects. Tier two is made of projects that play an important role in goods movement, but for a variety of reasons are not deemed as competitive for the TCIF program.

Anchor projects are critical projects centered at the Port of Oakland to benefit both corridors. Together the anchor projects create the capacity to move more trains with fewer delays in and out of Oakland and improve the operational efficiency of the port and the mainline rail network.

Some issues going forward are environmental considerations. The final Trade Corridor program of projects is not anticipated to be due to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) until Spring 2008.

Commissioner Haggerty asked about the Crows Landing project being a Tier one project instead of Tier two. Therese McMillan, MTC, stated that Crows Landing is San Joaquin's top priority and that the top priority from the four participating regions are included in Tier one.

Commissioner Haggerty stated that Alameda County is disappointed that the I-580 truck climbing lanes did not make the list and would like staff to continue working on finding the corridor a match. Ms. McMillan stated that staff will work with Caltrans to determine if an eligible a match can be found for the project.

John Amdur, manager of Port of Oakland Maritime Capital Improvement Program, commented that the anchor projects are in Oakland, but the Donner Summit and the Tehachapi project are important and need to be done as well. Mr. Amdur also noted that the Port of Oakland is not a sponsor and is not supportive of the Crows Landing project. While the Port is supportive of the concept of short haul rail, short haul rail right now is not possible due to constraints. The \$53 million proposed for the Crows Landing project is a terminal without any linkages to the Port.

Ms. McMillan noted that NUMMI wrote a letter of support to MTC staff work.

- *FY 2007-08 Fund Estimate Revision*

The Committee approved MTC Resolution No. 3793, Revised which incorporates the enacted state budget figure for the State Transit Assistance (STA) program. The final budget was enacted increasing the state wide funding by \$100 million. The Bay Area's share of the increased funding is \$35 million over what was assumed in the July estimate.

Theresa Romell, MTC, reported that the revision reflects the distribution of a portion of the MTC region's spillover funding as outlined in MTC Resolution No. 3814 - Proposition 1B transit funding program for the San Francisco Bay Area. The first available \$62 million in regional population based spillover funding is to be distributed according to the terms outlined in the resolution. The amount of spillover in FY 2007-08 that contributes to the terms of the agreement is \$6.4 million.

Commissioner Bates asked how the new budget affected the Bay Area's portion. Ms. Romell stated that the net loss was \$110 million to the Bay Area.

Commissioner Kinsey addressed the Chair of the Legislation Committee, Commissioner Rubin, stating that there should be discussions on how to stabilize the spillover due to transit in future years.

Therese McMillan, MTC, stated that staff can review the issue at the Friday, September 14th Legislation Committee meeting and staff will report back to the Commission in late September. Ms. McMillan also noted that the California Transit Association is suing the state over the loss of spillover. In addition, SB 79 would provide in future years that 50 percent of all spillover revenues would go to general fund purposes, establishing a new, lower floor.

Commissioner Rubin suggests that changing the name of “Spillover” to something that sounds less frivolous could be the first step.

CTC Report

Alix Bockelman, MTC, reported on the special CTC meeting held on September 5th regarding the 2008 State Transit Improvement Program (STIP) which covered fund estimate assumptions as well as deferred allocations that were pending the state budget enactment. Those allocations included \$38 million for BART Transbay Tube Seismic Retrofit, \$10 million for the State Route 4 project in Contra Costa County, and \$5 million for the Union City Intermodal project as well as other projects in the region.

Public Comment/Information

Chair Tissier provided a public service announcement announcing the Devil’s Slide Tunnel. Excavation Celebration of the Devil’s Slide project will take place on September 17th at 10:00 a.m.