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Programming and Allocations Committee October 3, 2007 Minutes

Chairperson Tissier called the meeting to order at 10:26 a.m. Other Commissioners present were Commissioners Ammiano, Blanchard, Chu, Cortese, Giacopini, Haggerty, Kinsey, Lempert, Rubin, Sartipi, and Worth.

Consent Calendar

The Committee approved the following consent items.

- Minutes of September 11, 2007 meeting as submitted.
- Regional Bike Pedestrian Program (RBPP): Request to reprogram \$487,000 to Santa Rosa's Kawana School Route – Pedestrian Improvement. MTC Resolution No. 3625, Revised.
- 2008 Productivity Improvement Projects (PIP) from TDA Triennial Audit Reports. MTC Resolution No. 3827.
- RM2 Operating Program Revision: Programming \$50,000 to Napa County Transportation Planning Agency (NCTPA) for Planning Activities. MTC Resolution No. 3807, Revised.
- Allocation of FY 2007-08 Transportation Development Act (TDA), and State Transit Assistance (STA) to SamTrans for transit capital and operating purposes. MTC Resolution Nos. 3810, Revised and 3811, Revised.
- Proposed RM2 Operating Allocation to Vallejo Transit for \$2 million. MTC Resolution No. 3817, Revised.
- 2008 RTIP Policies and Procedures. MTC Resolution No. 3825.
- Revision to the Low-Income Flexible Transportation Program. MTC Resolution No. 3518, Revised.

The Committee also received the following information item:

- Quarterly Report of Executive Director's Delegated Authority Actions as an information item.

Regional Programming

- Triennial Performance Audit of Various Operators.

The Committee received, as an information item, the results of the TDA triennial performance audits of the City of Benicia, Fairfield-Suisun Transit, Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA), San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority (SFMTA), the City of Union City, and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA). The Transportation Development Act (TDA) requires that MTC administer triennial performance audits of transit operators in the region. The audits are conducted on a three-year cycle by an independent auditing firm, Mundle & Associates, Inc.

Commissioner Lempert asked that staff consider whether an analysis between the in-depth report on transit performance and productivity given at the Commission

retreat in 2005 should be reconciled with the current audit reports and provided to the Commissioners.

Federal

- Housing Incentive Program (HIP) update and revision to Third Cycle Surface Transportation Program/Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (STP/CMAQ).

Doug Johnson, MTC, reported on the second round of HIP eligible housing projects. MTC expects to fund roughly two-thirds of the \$30.1 million identified for the program in 2005. MTC staff recommended redirecting the remaining HIP funds from Third Cycle STP/CMAQ to the Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) contingency list and the Station Area Planning program.

Many Commissioners asked why certain projects in their communities have requested a certain amount of funding, but are receiving a lower amount. Mr. Johnson stated that due to project downsizing and associated eligibility guidelines, the amount of the grant is reduced as well.

Commissioner Tissier asked if a project that had a childcare facility within the plan would be credited for that amenity since it would be beneficial to the transit riders and the community. Mr. Johnson stated that the HIP program does not currently capture the various services/amenities close to transit. Commissioner Tissier asked if it could be incorporated into the program in the future since those types of amenities promote transit ridership.

Commissioner Giacopini asked what MTC is currently doing to encourage accessible features in HIP projects. Mr. Johnson stated that currently the program does not require it; however, there is an opportunity to revisit the guidelines and incorporate accessibility as part of TLC programs and smart growth in general. Mr. Johnson also added that since the funds for the HIP projects are federal in nature the projects have to meet ADA requirements through the federal requirement process.

The Committee referred MTC Resolution No. 3723, Revised to the Commission for approval.

State

- Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF)

Carolyn Clevenger, MTC, reported that the Secretary of Business, Transportation, and Housing, Dale Bonner, submitted to the CTC a request that the CTC adopt the TCIF program by December 31, 2007. Due to the proposed new deadline, MTC staff anticipates an accelerated schedule for program submissions to the CTC as early as the end of October. The items that would be submitted to the CTC for approval would be Tier 1 projects only, totaling roughly \$800 million centered around two primary trade Corridors in Northern California: the Central Corridor and the Altamont Corridor. MTC is currently working with San Joaquin, Sacramento and Stanislaus Councils of Governments, as well as the Port of Oakland and the Alameda Congestion Management Agency, to develop a comprehensive trade strategy and program. Currently, CTC has not yet provided a schedule or guidelines for project submittals and the draft program of projects. MTC anticipates

that more information will be received at the October 24th CTC meeting (the same day as the MTC Commission meeting). MTC staff also anticipates that the subsets of projects in Tier 1 would likely be revised by the Commission meeting at the end of October. If submissions are not required until after the November Commission meeting, the item will be pulled from the October Commission meeting to allow more time for program development.

Commissioner Haggerty reminded the Committee of the I-580 truck climbing lane project, which did not make the TCIF Tier 1 list and mentioned that he is currently working with Caltrans on finding a source of revenue for the project.

Commissioner Chu asked if there was a split between rail and highway projects statewide for TCIF. Ms Clevenger stated that currently there is not a split.

Commissioner Tissier stated that due to the lack of information on the Crow's Landing project and uncertain funding support she does not support moving the proposed list forward with the Crows Landing project included. Commissioner Haggerty observed that the project has been included to reflect the number one priority of Stanislaus County one of the Northern California Trade Program partner agencies. Therese McMillan, Deputy Executive Director Policy indicated that more information of the financial status of the Crow's Landing project could be brought forward for the Committee's information and consideration.

The Committee approved MTC Resolution No. 3830 for Commission approval with the condition that more information on the viability of the Crows Landing project be made available before the October Commission meeting and brought to the Commission for consideration before it is adopted.

CTC Report

Alix Bockelman, MTC, reported that CTC met on September 19th and 20th in Rocklin, CA and discussed the TCIF as well as the draft Fund Estimate for the 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The draft Fund Estimate includes \$1.4 billion statewide, with roughly \$220 million for the Bay Area region. The Fund Estimate will be adopted at a CTC meeting on October 24th.

Public Comment/Information

Jerry Grace, Oakland resident, asked about the HIP program and why some grants did not receive money. Commissioner Tissier clarified that some projects did not receive money because the projects were not ready to proceed or they did not fit the guidelines.