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1. Introductions

Marcella Rensi (Chair) requested introductions.

2. Minutes of October 15, 2007 PTAC Meeting

The minutes for the October 15, 2007 PTAC meeting were accepted.

3. Partnership Reports

Transit Finance Working Group (TFWG) – *Todd Morgan, Chair* – The TFWG met on November 7, 2007.

Local Streets & Roads (LS&R) Working Group – *Ben Tripousis, City of San Jose* – The LS&R WG met on November 2, 2007.

Programming and Delivery Working Group (PDWG) – PDWG meets on November 26, 2007.

Standing Updates

4. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update

Sri Srinivasan (MTC) reported that the 2007 TIP is due to expire in October 2008 and outlined the development plan and schedule for the 2009 TIP, which must be in place and approved by October 2008. Due to Caltrans' new public policy, the 2009 TIP development schedule has been revised to reflect a start date of January 2008. The 2007 TIP is scheduled to go into a lockdown on January 11, 2008 through October 1, 2008. The TIP will be available for amending in new projects after October 1, 2008. The deadline to submit a list of new non-exempt Air Quality (AQ) projects, not currently in the 2007 TIP, for the 2009 TIP is December 21, 2007. Project lists must be submitted via the CMAs. *Alix Bockelman (MTC)* added that, if necessary, MTC would be doing a TIP Amendment in March 2008 to account for the appropriations that often changes the transit program, as well as programming for the Transit Program for FY2008-09. Detailed information regarding the TIP and its amendments is available online at <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/tip/amendments.htm>. The last day to submit new projects for the current 2007 TIP is November 30, 2007. The last day to submit changes for the final TIP Administrative Modification for the 2007 TIP is December 31, 2007. Requests for administrative modifications are due through the FMS – Universal Application.

5. Legislative Update

Rebecca Long (MTC) distributed and reported that the draft 2008 Legislative Program is being presented to the Legislative Committee for adoption on December 14, then on to the Commission, thereafter. Congress has passed a continuing resolution through mid-December on the Federal Transportation Appropriations. It appears there will be an Omnibus bill sometime next year for transportation with several other appropriations. Highlights of her report include: 1) new authorization legislation to impose a gas fee in the nine Bay Area Counties which will, in part, address climate change and local street and road maintenance and is supported by the BAAQMD. 2) Working with SFCTA on getting authority to toll Doyle Drive, which is contingent upon getting authority to do congestion pricing by March 2008. 3) State budget – there is an expected \$10B deficit next year. Staff urges jurisdictions to send letters to the administration against freezing Proposition 42 funds. 4) Legislative Program highlights such as High Speed Rail and opening discussion again and the "Pay As You Drive" Insurance bill. On the Federal level, the National Revenue Commission is expected to release its report and address reauthorization. The Committee members expressed concerns over finding a nexus between climate change and transportation for the gas fee initiative.

6. Transportation 2035 Schedule Update – Key Messages from October 26 Bay Area on the Move & Vision Policies /Investment Strategies

Ashley Nguyen (MTC) reported on the key messages received from the October 26 Summit. Over 700 people attended and key topics included: 1) Climate Protection, 2) Revenue Pricing, and 3) Focused Growth. Ashley presented the analysis findings on: 1) Infrastructure, 2) Pricing, 3) Focused growth, 4) Technology, and 5) Behavior. Ashley reported on feedback received for 1) FOCUS PDA investment priorities, 2) road pricing revenue, 3) transit, and 4) climate protection. Group members felt that some of the feedback discussed had some clear conflicts with what was previously discussed. The Commission Workshop on November 28 will pose a series of policy questions, one being about pricing revenues and how to direct them. The next steps include a Commission Workshop on November 28, a Partnership Board Workshop on November 30, and the December 17 PTAC meeting will be an RTP-focused session, where an update on the RTP online project submittal form will be provided, the draft RTP

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financial forecast will be discussed, project performance assessments and feedback from the previous workshops. A call for projects will be issued at the end of January 2008 with a deadline of late February 2008. Ashley advised the project sponsors that technical analysis will be available online for those projects included in the “best infrastructure” modeling; however, those projects should be included in your project submissions to the CMAAs for MTC consideration. Tina Spencer (AC Transit) reported that the Transit Planning Managers have compiled a “Transit Vision” that should be agendaized for the December PTAC session.

7. RTP Status – Transit Operating/Capital Call for Data

Glen Tepke (MTC) provided a status report of the Transit Operating/Capital Call for Data. Transit operating projections were due to MTC on September 28, 2007. As of November 19, data from 19 operators were received and commitments to submit data were received from 4 others. The Transit capital asset projections were originally due to MTC on September 28, 2007, however, the deadline was later extended to October 9, 2007 due to revisions to the asset classification system used in the original capital asset template. As of November 19, projections from 21 operators were received, with commitments to submit from 2 others. Draft projections will be reviewed at the TFWG meetings, operating data was presented on November 7 and capital data will be presented on December 5.

Christina Atienza (MTC) provided an overview of the draft Summary of Transit Operating Projections for Maintaining Current Service Levels, which was presented at the TFWG on November 7. Staff presented summaries of the information provided by the operators. Key findings on a region-wide basis, excluding data that are still being processed (AC Transit, Caltrain, Napa, and SamTrans), are as follows: T2035 operating costs (~\$70B) is 3% lower than T2030 costs (~\$73B); T2035 fare revenues (~\$20B) is 23% lower than T2030 fare revenues (~\$26B); and, T2035 farebox recovery (28.4%) is 20% lower than T2030 farebox recovery (35.7%).

8. Final Draft FFY 2007-08 STP/CMAQ Obligation Plan

Ross McKeown (MTC) reported on the final draft FFY 2007-08 STP/CMAQ Obligation Plan and added that due to issues with federal obligation authority, local agencies whose projects are in the obligation plan are expected to receive their obligation by May 31, 2008. Projects that do not obligate by May 31 are subject to lose their federal programmed funds. In order to obligate funds by May 31, project sponsors should submit their obligation requests to Caltrans, along with the documentation required by Caltrans and FHWA, by March 1, 2008. Project sponsors should review projects currently in the TIP for consistency, primarily STP/CMAQ funding, of which are subject to rescission. MTC expects to obligate all funds through the end of SAFETEA. Jurisdictions should submit changes to Craig Goldblatt at cgoldblatt@mtc.ca.gov no later than Wednesday, November 28. The final approved plan will be sent to Caltrans Local Assistance by the November 30, 2007 deadline.

Discussion Items

9. STA Consolidated Policy

Theresa Romell (MTC) presented the revised distribution proposals for the SB717 Augmentation to STA-Population Based funding, previously presented to PTAC in September 2007. Two options were added to the original proposal and Option 3 was modified. MTC staff recommends Option 3 as it sticks with the original purpose. Staff reminded the members that the figures are estimates of funds over the next 10 years and sought the recommendation from the Partners to bring the proposal to the Partnership Board and the Commission in December for action. Committee members were concerned with the TransLink® distribution in that they felt the project was already fully funded and others were concerned with the budget deficit, particularly with the potential suspension of Proposition 42, but felt that, overall, the revised options distributed the funds where they were needed. By consensus, the Partners agreed to recommend Options 3 and 4 to the Partnership Board and Commission and to include Option 1 for background purposes.

10. Proposition 1B Transit Bond Funds Final Guidelines and FY08 Priorities

Kenneth Folan (MTC) provided a status report on the Proposition 1B Transit Bond Funds Final Guidelines and FY08 priorities. The guidelines have not been adopted; therefore, the December 14 allocations deadline has been moved back and project allocations are expected to be due by January 2008, now. Caltrans hopes to finalize the guidelines by the end of November 2007. Kenneth reported on the outstanding issues and presented MTC’s proposed allocation plan for the region’s \$58M share of the \$600M available statewide in FY 2007-08. Allocation requests for

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Population-based funds were due to MTC for January allocation consideration on October 26, 2007. The proposed allocation plan, reviewed by the TFWG on November 7, will be considered at the December 12 PAC meeting and forwarded to the Commission for action on December 18. MTC staff is seeking the feedback from Partners on the proposed allocation plan. Comments should be emailed to Kenneth Folan at kfolan@mtc.ca.gov.

11. Analysis of the Cost to Sustain Traffic Operating System

Jeff Georgevich (MTC) provided an overview of the analysis of the cost to sustain Traffic Operations Systems (TOS) project. The project is divided into two phases, with the first phase focused on collecting and analyzing data on the inventory of existing and future equipment, and the investment necessary to operate, maintain and replace those systems. The information is intended to inform discussions about current and future investments required to sustain TOS and how to reflect that investment in the 2009 Regional Transportation Plan. MTC will be establishing a Technical Advisory Committee to help guide the project. The TAC will meet monthly from December 2007 through April 2008. The recommended funding framework will be presented to the Planning Committee in April 2008. Those interested in participating in the TAC should contact Jeff Georgevich at jgeorg@mtc.ca.gov.

Information Items / Other Business

12. RTP/TIP Amendment and AQ Conformity for Urban Partnership Program

MTC staff provided an informational RTP/TIP Administrative Amendment for the Partners review and comment.

13. 3rd Cycle Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) Bonus Proposal

Ross McKeown (MTC) presented the revised 3rd Cycle Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) Bonus proposal as approved by Programming and Allocations Committee on November 14. The breakdown of the funding proposal is as follows: 1) Marin U.S. 101 Gap Closure/Priority Development Area Plan (\$12.5M); 2) Golden Gate Bridge Median Barrier (\$20M); 3) Resolution 3434 Strategic Plan Reserve (\$35M); and, 4) Ed Roberts Campus Project (\$4.5M). The proposal was referred to the Commission for approval in December.

Group members commented that the staff report to PAC regarding the PTAC discussion was not entirely accurate and requested that a preliminary list of projects be added for consideration should the final Resolution 3434 category was not used.

14. Trade Corridor Improvement Fund

Therese McMillan (MTC) reported on the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF). There is no geographical distribution assigned to the program; however, based on the region's "needs", the distribution is expected to be for the \$3B program, \$2B will be distributed for infrastructure and \$1B for Air Quality (CARB). There is an expectation that Los Angeles will receive a significant amount of the allocation. With the failure of SB 9, there has been a debate at the State level about how the program was going to emerge. The focus on the trade infrastructure package for Northern California has been the Central Corridor and the Altamont Corridor. Applications are due by late December 2007 / early January 2008. There is a 1:1 match eligibility guideline, which can be achieved using non-State funding.

Follow-up: *At the November 20 CTC meeting, where the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) was discussed, an agreement was reached about geographical distribution. Based on the region's "needs", the distribution proposes the following targets: L.A. - \$1.65B, Bay Area/Central Valley - \$825M, San Diego - \$400M, and Other - \$80M, which includes \$40M for bond administration. The proposal adds Federal and SHOPP funds as part of the over programming strategy to meet the target total of \$3B.*

15. Recommended Future Agenda Items (T2035-Focused)

- Transit Planners Working Group – Strategic Plan
- Local Streets and Roads – Strategic Plan
- Overview of the modeling efforts for T2035
- Transit Planners Working Group and Local Streets & Roads Joint Meeting Summary
- Items should be noted as action items if action is sought by the Partners

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Next Meeting

Monday, December 17, 2007

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

MTC MetroCenter, **Room 171** (1st Floor)

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