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**Programming and Allocations Committee  
January 9, 2008  
Minutes**

Chairperson Tissier called the meeting to order at 10:41 a.m. Other Commissioners present were Vice Chair Federal Glover, Commissioners Ammiano, Bates, Chu, Cortese, Dodd, Giacomini, Haggerty, Halsted, Lempert, Sartipi, Rubin and Yeager.

**Consent Calendar**

The Committee approved the following consent items:

- *Minutes of December 12, 2007 meeting as submitted.*
- *2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 2007-19. MTC Resolution No. 3755, Revised.*

The Committee received the following consent item:

- *Quarterly Report of Executive Director's Delegated Authority Actions.*

**Federal Programming**

- *Transit Capital Priorities Process and Criteria for FY 2008-09, MTC Resolution Nos. 3841 and 2004, Revised.*

The Committee approved the staff recommendation to refer MTC Resolution Nos. 3841 and 2004, Revised, to the Commission.

Glen Tepke, MTC, reviewed proposed changes to the Transit Capital Priorities Process and Criteria policy. Staff recently issued a call for projects and a program of projects are expected to be presented to the Committee in March 2008. The proposed changes include (1) adding Petaluma Transit, as a new claimant in the region, conditional on becoming a FTA grantee; (2) updating the regional bus-van pricelist, which governs the amounts programmed for vehicle procurements; and (3) funding Zero Emission Buses through a one-time \$10.9 million set-aside.

In addition to the recommended changes, Benicia Transit requested that the formulas for distributing the 10% flexible set-aside and the 10% ADA operating set-aside be amended to make Benicia Transit eligible. Further, Caltrain and Golden Gate Transit requested that project caps be lifted in the fixed guideway category to accommodate specific projects in FY 2008-09. MTC staff recommended that the current set-aside formulas and project caps be retained for FY 2008-09, and reconsidered for FY 2009-10 when other significant changes to the Transit Capital Priorities policy are considered. After the completion of the call for projects, staff proposes to evaluate the possibility of increasing the caps on a case-by-case basis.

**State Programming**

- *State Transit Assistance (STA) Population-Based Consolidated Policy. MTC Resolution No. 3837.*

The Committee approved the staff recommendation to refer MTC Resolution No. 3837 to the Commission as modified to incorporate the selected option for the STA Consolidated Policy.

Theresa Romell, MTC, reported that the signing of SB 717 resulted in an additional increment of approximately \$90 million over the next 10 years in the region's share of the STA population-based funding.. In working with various partnership working groups, several options were developed to distribute the STA population-based funding, and two were forwarded for Commission consideration:

Option 1 – Apply the extra \$90 million to each existing category 1) Northern Counties/Small Operators; 2) Regional Paratransit; 3) Lifeline and 4) MTC Regional Coordination, utilizing percentages consistent with the Proposition 1B program adopted in June 2007.

Option 2 – Distribute the increment 1/3 to Northern Counties/Small Operators, 1/3 to Regional Paratransit, with the Lifeline Program and Regional Coordination splitting the remaining third.

The Partnership Board and the Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee supported Option 2.

Handouts include memo received from MCAC expressing their appreciation for delaying action on this item, thereby giving advisors more time to review the options and provide the Commission with a more informed recommendation. Though not unanimous, MCAC recommended Option 2 as the proposed distribution proposal for the SB-717 augmentation to STA-population based funding.

Speaker Rick Ramacier, Bay Area Partnership Board Chair spoke on behalf of the Board's support for option 2. He noted that past funding augmentations have helped all programs except paratransit. Because paratransit users are the most transit dependent users in the Bay Area and the ADA population is growing rapidly, especially at the senior level, the Board viewed this proposed bump in the percentage to Paratransit as critical.

Speaker Jerry Grace expressed his support for ADA.

Commissioner Giacopini expressed her appreciation to the Commission for giving the advisory committees more time to review and inquired about the lack of availability of the Paratransit user demographics, a concern of the MCAC.

Alix Bockelman, MTC, noted that when the Demographic Survey was conducted in 2007, it was limited to fixed route riders. Since these surveys are to be completed regionally every 5 years, staff can re-evaluate whether to include Paratransit riders in the next survey.

Vice Chair Glover moved Committee support for Option 2 to be referred to the Commission.

Commissioner Bates expressed his preference for Option 1. Commissioner Dodd noted that with Option 2, people who are most dependent on transit would still benefit from the funding.

The Committee voted to refer Option 1, with Commissioner Bates voicing against the motion.

- *2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Program of Projects Adoption. MTC Resolution No. 3840*

The Committee approved the staff recommendation to refer MTC Resolution 3840 to the Commission.

Kenneth Kao, MTC, presented the proposed 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). The RTIP is the State-funding program approved every 2 years. For the 2008 RTIP, the region has a program target of \$151 million. Each county's Congestion Management Agency solicited projects and submitted final project lists to MTC at the end of December. The region's proposed total is \$180 million, which is slightly above target, but is still allowed by the state.

Chair Tissier inquired about where the \$4 million for the Caltrain Electrification project lies. Mr. Kao stated that the \$4 million was on the CMAQ list and was a part of the Third Cycle exchange. Ms. Tissier also inquired about Santa Clara's over programming of \$30 million and its impact on other projects if CTC does not approve it. Ms. Bockelman responded that the region's program would still be within its maximum, and it would not necessarily have an impact in the region. If there is an impact then staff, after consulting with the CMAs, will return to the Commission with a revision. MTC staff has had preliminary discussions with CTC staff and because Santa Clara County is proposing the programming in the final year of the RTIP and is requesting transit funding, there should be state capacity for that. Staff will return to the Committee if different policy decisions are necessary.

### **Regional Programming**

- *Proposed allocation of \$31.6 million in RM2 Capital funds. MTC Resolution Nos. 3684, Revised, 3682, Revised, and 3651, Revised*

Anne Richman, MTC P&A Section, provided an overview of the capital allocations to-date of \$563 million of the \$1.5 billion RM2 capital program. Three proposed projects for capital allocations totaling \$32 million in RM2 capital funds are proposed this month:

- eBART (\$1.6 million)
- TransLink®- VTA/Caltrain Ticket Vending Machine Integration (\$1.7 million)
- Transbay Transit Center/ Downtown Caltrain Extension (\$28.3 million)

Ms. Richman clarified that, as the TJPA is ready to acquire a property, MTC will execute a Quit Claim Deed on each property and transfer funds to the TJPA accordingly, up to the limit of funds allocated. Bundling the ROW allocation in this way will allow, the TJPA to proceed with meeting their ROW acquisition plan schedule.

Chair Tissier asked for clarification on the amount for TransLink®- VTA/Caltrain Ticket Vending Machine Integration. Ms. Richman clarified that it is \$1.7 million.

The Committee approved the resolution.

Speaker Jerry Grace asked for more information on the Transbay Transit Center project, in which Ms. Richman explained that the downtown extension of the Caltrain system is considered Phase 2 of this project. Phase 1 of the project is the terminal tower and Phase 2 would be the Caltrain extension. They are looking at the possibility of connecting the transit center with the BART and MUNI stations along Market Street, but those plans are still under development.

**Public Comment**

No Public Comment.

Chair Tissier adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.