SUMMARY MINUTES (DRAFT)

ABAG Administrative Committee Special Meeting
Friday, April 10, 2015
Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium
Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter
101 8th Street, Oakland, California

1. CALL TO ORDER AND CONFIRM QUORUM

Committee Chair Julie Pierce, Councilmember, City of Clayton, called the special meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Association of Bay Area Governments to order at about 9:38 a.m.

The Committee met jointly with the Planning Committee of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

A quorum of the Committee was present.

Members Present

Councilmember Julie Pierce, City of Clayton
Supervisor Dave Cortese, County of Santa Clara
Mayor Pro Tem Pat Eklund, City of Novato [joined at 9:47 a.m.]
Councilmember Pradeep Gupta, City of South San Francisco
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda [joined meeting at 9:49 a.m.]
Supervisor Mark Luce, County of Napa
Supervisor Eric Mar, City and County of San Francisco [joined meeting at 9:58 a.m.]
Supervisor James Spering, County of Solano [joined meeting at 9:49 a.m.]

Members Absent

Mayor Bill Harrison, City of Fremont
Supervisor Dave Pine, County of San Mateo (Alternate)
Supervisor David Rabbitt, County of Sonoma

Staff Present

Kenneth Moy, ABAG Legal Counsel
Brad Paul, ABAG Deputy Executive Director
Miriam Chion, ABAG Planning and Research Director
Cynthia Kroll, ABAG Chief Economist

MTC Planning Committee Members Present

Commissioners Giacopini, Haggerty, Liccardo, Kinsey, Pierce and Committee Chair Spering. Also in attendance as ex-officio voting members were Commission Chair Cortese and Vice Chair Mackenzie. Commissioners Bates, Campos, Luce and Worth were present as ad hoc non-voting members of the Committee.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Pierce and Vice Chair Halsted led the committees and public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. COMPENSATION ANNOUCEMENT

Vice Chair Halsted made the MTC compensation announcement.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of MTC Planning Committee Summary Minutes of March 13, 2015

The MTC Planning Committee approved its Consent Calendar.

The ABAG Administrative Committee next took up Item 5 and deferred action on Item 4.B. until a quorum was present.

B. Approval of ABAG Administrative Committee Summary Minutes of March 13, 2015

President Pierce recognized a motion by Pat Eklund, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Novato, which was seconded by Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, County of Alameda, to approve the ABAG Administrative Committee summary minutes of March 13, 2015.

There was no discussion.

The aye votes were: Cortese, Eklund, Gupta, Haggerty, Luce, Mar, Pierce.

The nay votes were: None

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Harrison, Pine (Alternate), Rabbitt, Spering.

The motion passed.

5. PLAN BAY AREA UPDATE: COMMITTED PROJECTS AND FUNDS POLICY MTC RESOLUTION NO. 4182

Adam Noelting and Bill Bacon, MTC, reported on the Plan Bay Area's Committed Projects and Funds Policy, MTC Resolution No. 4182, and requested MTC Planning Committee's review and referral of the Committed Projects and Funds Policy for the Plan Bay Area update to the Commission for approval.

In response to Commissioner Cortese's question regarding the current, adopted Plan Bay Area, Mr. Noelting responded that the September 30, 2015 due date for fund project submittals included in the materials, would allow more projects to become eligible, relative to the current Plan.

The following individual provided public comments:

Clarrissa Cabansagan, TransForm, thanked staff for the improvements made to the committed projects policy. TransForm requested that all projects be subject to performance assessments.

The MTC Planning Committee referred the Planned Bay Area Update: Committed Projects and Funds Policy, MTC Resolution No. 4182, to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for approval.

6. PLAN BAY AREA FORECAST AND MODELING APPROACH

Miriam Chion, ABAG Planning and Research Director, introduced the presentation on forecast methodology. She stated that the California Building Industry Association legal settlement will be addressed at a future meeting.

Cynthia Kroll, ABAG Chief Economist, presented background information and an overview of the development of the growth forecast of population, jobs, and housing for the Plan Bay Area update.

Committee members and Commissioners discussed the following:

ABAG Administrative Committee member Eklund inquired as to the relationship between the Department of Finance (DOF) projects and forecast. Ms. Kroll stated ABAG has been in touch with the DOF. Committee member Eklund also questioned to what extent ABAG is going to ensure that elected officials are going to be engaged in the process. Miriam Chion, ABAG Planning and Research Director, stated that the local planning directors are being asked to present materials to local councils so local elected officials can remain engaged. Additionally, ABAG will keep bringing materials to this forum, the Regional Planning Committee and Executive Board.

ABAG Administrative Committee member Pradeep Gupta emphasized the importance of data consistency in migratory patterns with respect to the regions outside of the Bay Area. Committee member Gupta also requested that the changing patterns of women entering the workforce be included in the labor force participation assumptions.

Commissioner Mackenzie requested the program include a specific presentation to each of the congestion management agencies.

Commissioner Haggerty urged the committees to ensure that the agencies work with other jurisdictions outside of the nine county Bay Area and also look at workforce migration in and out of the nine counties. He expressed concern that the settlement agreement might make this a difficult task, particularly from the Central Valley as it relates to in-commuting.

The following individuals provided public comments:

Bob Glover, Executive Officer, Building Industry Association of the Bay Area (BIA), referenced the letter sent from BIA legal counsel regarding the concerns of the settlement agreement between ABAG, MTC and BIA. The BIA requested a response outlining how ABAG and MTC intend to comply with the settlement as it pertains to this issue.

John Shwark, San Francisco Bay Area Renters Federation (SFBARF), expressed concern for people who are housing challenged and are not taken into consideration in the Plan.

Michael Ege, SFBARF, commented on the exclusion of workforce housing in the Plan.

Michael Tye, SFBARF, commented on the difficulty for technology sector workers to find and keep well-paying jobs in the Bay Area given the Bay Area's very high housing cost.

Committee members and Commissioners discussed the following:

In response to Bob Glover's comment, Committee member Eklund questioned if ABAG or MTC had looked at housing availability and the relationship to the cost of rent over time. Ms. Kroll assured the committees that the changes in rent are being tracked.

Commissioner Rein Worth commented that the Bay Area is challenged with the lack of affordable housing. She also requested the information be broken down by the stages of life.

Commissioner Campos welcomed SFBARF to the committee meeting and said he looks forward to having a good dialogue given the different perspectives on the housing issues they raise.

Commissioner Luce stated that comments heard from the public today reflect reality and experience that the middle class is being squeezed out. He requested ABAG and MTC refocus and reexamine the model used over the years, and look at how they address the issue of housing and affordability.

A quorum of the ABAG Administrative Committee was present at about 9:49 a.m.

The ABAG Administrative Committee next took up Item 4.B.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT / OTHER BUSINESS / NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT

The following individual provided public comments:

Ken Bukowski noted that staff needs to find ways to capture money for transportation.

Ken Kirkey, MTC Planning Director, informed the committee that the Operations Committee has requested to meet prior to the Planning and ABAG Administrative Committee meeting in May.

The meeting adjourned at about 11:03 a.m.

The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 8, 2015.

Submitted:

Ezra Rapport, Secretary-Treasurer

Date Submitted: April 20, 2015

Date Approved:

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