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MTC PLANNING COMMITTEE
October 11, 2013
MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Chair Sperring called the MTC Planning Committee meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Planning Committee members in attendance were: Commissioners Haggerty, Halsted, Luce and Mackenzie. Commissioners Bates, and Wiener were also in attendance.

CONSENT CALENDAR: a) Minutes of September 13, 2013

Commissioner Halsted moved approval of the Consent Calendar, Commissioner Mackenzie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

REGIONAL GOODS MOVEMENT UPDATE

Ms. Carolyn Clevenger presented an update on the regional and state-level goods movement initiatives. She also stated that staff is beginning work with a number of partners on potential advocacy principles for a future federal freight program. These principles will be incorporated into MTC's 2014 Legislative Advocacy Program, a draft of which will be presented to the Legislation Committee in November.

Committee discussion:

- Commissioner Haggerty commented on local and regional truck routes, and expressed concern that Highway 238 was left out of the discussion. He requested it be added since it is a connector to both I-880 and I-580. He also requested the I-580 corridor through the Tri-Valley remain a separate study, due to the fact that Plan Bay Area specifically called that corridor out for analysis.
- Commissioner Luce asked how staff planned to incorporate an analysis of diesel particulates in highly concentrated areas Ms. Clevenger stated that the California Air Resources Board is working on this issue at the state level and will be incorporating such work into their strategic freight plan (State Plan). Staff will then follow up with the Air District. Ms. Clevenger also noted that MTC staff will provide input into the State Plan which will include discussion of impacts. The State Plan is being developed pursuant to MAP 21 where USDOT recommended each state develop a freight plan.

- Commissioner Spering asked about specific how staff planned to consider highway congestion along major freight corridors and rail connections and specific projects that address this issue. Ms. Clevenger stated that MTC conducts regional studies that identify major bottlenecks, identifies potential projects, and then works with Caltrans and the county congestion management agencies to develop specific investments plans and analyze benefits.
- Commissioner Bates asked about future studies around climate change and sea level rise. Ms. Clevenger stated that staff plans to update the Committee in December on the Climate Program. Staff received a grant from FHWA to look at three specific areas on the Alameda County shoreline in terms of adaptation strategies to address sea level rise, and BCDC is leading some additional work with the Port of Oakland related to the airport.
- Commissioner Halsted expressed her support for more work on climate change.

Public Comment:

- Mr. Rich Hedges asked about the effects of reduced traffic in Oakland, , security at the Port, and on the economy. Commissioner Spering noted these are good questions to ask the Port.

OTHER BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Andrew Carpiaux, CX Engineers, expressed his concern with the bridge expenses especially for the demolition of the old eastern span of the Bay Bridge.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m. The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 8, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, CA.

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