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MTC PLANNING COMMITTEE
November 9, 2012
MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Chair Sperring called the MTC Planning Committee meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Planning Committee members in attendance were: Commissioners Green, Haggerty, Halsted, and Mackenzie. Commission Chair Tissier and Rein-Worth were present in their ex-officio voting member capacity. Other Commissioners present as ad hoc non-voting members of the Committee were Bates, Cortese, and Wiener.

ABAG Administrative Committee members in attendance were: Luce, Cortese, Gingles, Green, Haggerty, Pierce, and Sperring.

CONSENT CALENDAR: a) Minutes of October 12, 2012

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

PLAN BAY AREA SCHEDULE UPDATE

Ms. Carolyn Clevenger stated that staff anticipates a concurrent release of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Draft Plan Bay Area documents for 45-day and 55-day public comment periods in March 2013. Public hearings and workshops will be held throughout the region. She noted that the Draft EIR analysis, together with input from the public workshops and public hearings on the Draft Plan, will inform the policy discussions and public dialogue leading to the Final Plan Bay Area adoption by both boards in June 2013.

This new schedule moves final approval of the Plan and EIR two months past the initial project schedule for several reasons: 1) This is the region's first Sustainable Communities Strategy with transportation investments and land use patterns being developed and evaluated together; 2) Staff added multiple rounds of scenario analysis combined with extensive public input prior to presenting recommendations of the Preferred Scenario and EIR alternatives; 3) The EIR is evaluating five alternatives, two of which were developed by stakeholders and required significant staff work to finalize before beginning the modeling work; and finally 4) For the Plan Bay Area, staff is conducting an Economic Impact Analysis for the first time.

Committee Comments:

- Commissioner Sperring asked staff how they are going to handle the comments on the EIR. Ms. Clevenger stated that as part of the EIR, staff does make available publicly every comment as well as every response and will be posted on MTC's website.

- Commissioner Rein-Worth asked if the public hearings on both the Plan and the EIR will be held at MTC as well as out in the counties. Ms. Clevenger stated that staff plans to do the public hearings as well as the public workshops throughout the region and will come back to the Committee in December with an update.
- Commissioner Rein-Worth also asked about the technology piece that provides for the residents to weigh-in if they cannot attend a meeting. Ms. Clevenger stated that the public will have the opportunity to email their comments to MTC, as well as leaving their comments on MTC's website. Staff will provide other ways that the public can be involved when they come back in December with an update on the Public Outreach Plan.
- Commissioner Sperring asked if staff will be revising how they hold public hearings. Mr. Steve Heminger stated that will be working on that, and will discuss this at the December meeting.
- Commissioner Haggerty asked if the public hearings will be held at night. Mr. Heminger noted that this will be discussed at the December meeting as well.

OTHER BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 11, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, CA.

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