

SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Administrative Committee Special Meeting
Friday, December 4, 2015
Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter
101 8th Street, Oakland, California

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / CONFIRM QUORUM

ABAG President and 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 10:02 a.m.

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

A quorum of the Committee was present at about 10:02 a.m.

Members Present

Councilmember Julie Pierce, City of Clayton
Supervisor Dave Cortese, County of Santa Clara
Mayor Pro Tem Pat Eklund, City of Novato
Councilmember Pradeep Gupta, City of South San Francisco
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda
Mayor Bill Harrison, City of Fremont
Supervisor Mark Luce, County of Napa
Supervisor James Spering, County of Solano

Members Absent

Supervisor Eric Mar, City and County of San Francisco
Supervisor Dave Pine, County of San Mateo (Alternate)
Supervisor David Rabbitt, County of Sonoma

Staff Present

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. MTC COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT

4. ABAG COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Fred Castro, Clerk of the Board, made the compensation announcement.

5. REPORT ON MTC / ABAG MERGER STUDY—COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Members reviewed the staff memo.

A. MTC AND ABAG OBJECTIVES

Members discussed study objectives, including goals, objectives, criteria, vision, aspirations, conduct, outreach; developing the scope of work; identifying and clarifying the problem to be solved; issues reported at the MTC meeting on September 23; conflict resolution process; basic principles, including local land use control, governance,

representation, evaluation of available options; Plan Bay Area, including problems and issues identified by staff, ABAG funding, ABAG activities, supporting retired and current employees, agency effectiveness and functional efficiencies, total merger an state legislation, mediation for controversial issues, independent funding source for ABAG.

Spring requested that audio recordings and transcripts of the proceedings be provided to consultants.

B. SCOPE OF WORK

Members discussed scope of work, including efficiency and stakeholder inputs; consultant selection and committee speaking with consultants; coming up with an effective agency that represents taxpayers in doing the job related to transportation and housing; looking at other Council of Government organizations; directions to the consultant regarding merger options; timeline for completing study; joint committee structure to keep both MTC and ABAG perspectives; merger evaluation plan; integrated versus independent interests; regional purposes and retaining local control of land use; understanding financial status of both agencies; continue ensuring timely delivery of MTC projects; risks versus rewards of change; governance model; public involvement; completion timeframe; analysis if issues, opportunities and challenges; strength of regional government is local elected officials; understanding culture and mission of both agencies; evaluation of opportunities leading to merger; effectiveness and responsibility to taxpayers; joint committee communications during study; different study goals; staff input on problems and goals; objective evaluation of problems, goals, principals, options; public engagement; consultant interviewing committee members; defining purpose, vision and principles; planning for future of Bay Area; transparency and collaboration.

Spring encouraged those interested to submit comments to the joint committee for review and consideration; pointed that the consultant look at the status of ABAG considering whether in July the ABAG will be funded; strengthening and supporting local planning; suggested further discussion on the scope of work with the consultant.

The following individuals gave public comment: David Schonbrunn, TRANSDEF; Revan Tranter, ABAG Executive Director Emeritus; Matt Vander Sluis, Greenbelt Alliance; Lee Huo, President, ABAG Chapter, SEIU 1021.

C. CONSULTANT SELECTION PROCESS

Members discussed the consultant selection process, including evaluation panel and interviews.

Alix Bockelman, MTC Deputy Executive Director, commented on the evaluation panel recommendation, committee concurrence, and MTC Commission approval, and on the MTC contract process.

Members discussed the committee speaking with the selected consultant before the consultant work begins; the consultant taking direction from the joint committees; the joint committees are leading process; the process public driven, not staff driven; consultant selection process report to the joint committee.

Cynthia Segal, MTC Deputy General Counsel, reported on the consultant selection process and confidentiality, selection and recommendation and concurrence.

Members were informed of the members of the evaluation panel.

D. AGENCY COST SHARING FOR MERGER STUDY

Steve Heminger, MTC Executive Director, requested direction from the joint committee on the cost sharing for the merger study.

Members discussed MTC staff request for direction from joint committee on sharing cost of the merger study; ABAG staff comment on providing a significant contribution based on a percentage with a cap; carrying over the discussion on agency cost sharing until the following meeting; both agencies providing equal buy-in and inequality on the process; MTC funding planning and agency expectations and commitment; ABAG funding mechanism; discussion on MTC Resolution 4210 and cost of merger study; agency misunderstandings and communications; funding policy decision of executive director; clarification of how joint committee and agencies discuss issues in public, establishing ground rules starting at joint committees and agreed to by both MTC Commission and ABAG Executive Board; consultant help developing ground rules on communications; joint committee manage the merger study.

E. STAKEHOLDER INPUT / TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, INCLUDING HOW TO ADDRESS REQUESTS FOR SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Members discussed third party, stakeholder input and public process for public and stakeholder input; considering legislature input; technical advisory committee answering to joint committees; technical advisory committee formation; consultant suggestions on the technical advisory committee.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT / OTHER BUSINESS

The following individuals gave public comment: Ken Bukowski; Jane Kramer.

7. ADJOURNMENT / NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at about 11:21 a.m.

Next meeting: December 11, 2015

Submitted:



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