

SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Administrative Committee Special Meeting

Friday, February 14, 2014

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 9:30 a.m.

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

A quorum of the Committee was present.

Members Present

Mayor Julie Pierce
Supervisor Dave Cortese
Mayor Pat Eklund
Supervisor Scott Haggerty
Councilmember Sam Liccardo
Supervisor Mark Luce
Supervisor Eric Mar
Supervisor James Sperring

Members Absent

Supervisor David Rabbitt
Supervisor John Gioia
Mayor Jean Quan
Supervisor Dave Pine (Alternate)

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairs Pierce and Sperring led the Committee members and public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Fred Castro, ABAG Clerk of the Board, made the Compensation Announcement.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of ABAG Administrative Committee/MTC Planning Committee Summary Minutes of January 10, 2014

Pierce recognized a motion by Eklund and a second by Mar to approve the summary minutes of January 10, 2014. The ayes were: Pierce, Cortese, Eklund, Haggerty, Liccardo, Luce, Mar, Sperring. The motion passed unanimously.

5. ONE BAY AREA GRANT (OBAG) REPORT CARD

Alix Bockelman and Craig Goldblatt, MTC, provided an overview of outcomes from the first year of the One Bay Area Grant Program.

Ms. Alix Bockelman and Mr. Craig Goldblatt (MTC) provided a summary of the outcomes of the first round of the new funding approach for the \$320 million distributed to the counties through OBAG. The presentation focused on the administrative aspects of the program, including whether jurisdictions and Congestion Management Agencies (CMAs) met program requirements and project selection results.

Commissioner Kinsey stated that the OBAG Program makes a strong commitment to focusing the investments where growth is going to happen, and where transportation investments are most cost-effective. He supports the increased flexibility of the program. He also recommends that MTC emphasize that the OBAG program is structured to respond to SB 375, which links transportation and land use. He requested that staff also track the Priority Conservation Area investments. He noted that the complete streets and HCD policies were a success.

Commissioner Rein Worth stated that the Policy Advisory Council expressed an interest in the implementation process, and noted the importance of community-based planning. She also noted that legislative efforts are extremely important to make sure the federal and state tax incentives are able to promote the housing production.

Commissioner Spering asked how many jurisdictions are receiving OBAG funds. Mr. Goldblatt stated that there are 109 jurisdictions in total, and 92 received OBAG funds.

Commissioner Spering inquired about the Complete Streets general plan amendment requirement. Mr. Goldblatt stated that one of the paths to meeting the Complete Streets requirement was to have a general plan circulation element that met the Complete Streets Act of 2008. Because general plan amendments require resources that cities may not have available, an alternate path to compliance was through adoption of a resolution.

ABAG Administrative Committee member Pierce stated that there are still some challenges, and requested staff to work on refining the process. She stated that the outreach to small jurisdictions should be robust.

Commissioner Haggerty commented on the increased funding and program flexibility and sought clarity on the disparity in the percentage increase across counties. Ms. Bockelman explained that MTC distributed the money to the counties based 50% on population and 50% based on different housing factors. In addition, some of the silos in Cycle 1 were based on factors such as pavement condition. Commissioner Haggerty requested staff to provide the breakdown of how each jurisdiction did in the generation formula.

Commissioner Haggerty commented on the Complete Streets requirements, and asked about Alameda County's compliance in terms of the General Plan amendment to the circulation element due in 2015. Ms. Bockelman stated that the jurisdictions in Alameda County are concerned about being able to meet the 2015 deadline.

Commissioner Kinsey recommended that staff consider changing the requirement to allow the resolution to demonstrate compliance and focus on outcomes thereafter in terms of complete streets and multimodal investments.

ABAG Administrative committee member Eklund asked if the OBAG funds are tied to Plan Bay Area and the requirements of linking housing and transportation. She noted that the public in her county does not want to apply for any money that has strings attached. Lastly, she requested that the committee have some discussion about meeting the Plan Bay Area greenhouse gas emission targets. Mr. Heminger responded that the OBAG funds are tied to Plan Bay Area and linked to housing and transportation, as well as meeting the region's greenhouse gas emission targets.

Commissioner Wiener stated that he doesn't think that the requirements for OBAG go far enough, and noted that if a community does not want to add any new housing then they should not get as much regional funding. Staff needs to make sure that the communities that are willing to add housing get the support in terms of the transit infrastructure necessary to support that growing population.

Commissioner Haggerty agreed with Commissioner Wiener and stated that if communities are not taking the housing then they should not get transportation funding. He noted that there are a lot of suburbs that are taking the housing and are getting no recognition in transit, which he believes is the flaw in the Plan.

Commissioner Bates commented on constrained BART capacity, and stated that we must invest in bus service as an alternative to ensure reliability and safety.

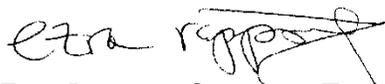
Commissioner Spring stated that there needs to be a rural component to transit investment especially in the express bus and connections to regional rail services, such as the Capitol Corridor.

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

Commissioner Kinsey inquired about the next round of federal TIGER Grants.

Chairs Pierce and Spring adjourned the meeting of the Committee at about 10:32 a.m.

Submitted:



Ezra Rapport, Secretary-Treasurer

Date Submitted: April 1, 2014

Date Approved: May 9, 2014

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