

SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Administrative Committee Special Meeting
Friday, February 26, 2016
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 9:00 a.m.

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

A quorum of the Committee was present at about 9:00 a.m.

Members Present

Councilmember Julie Pierce, City of Clayton
Supervisor Dave Cortese, County of Santa Clara
Mayor Pat Eklund, City of Novato
Vice Mayor 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 Eric Mar, City and County of San Francisco
Councilmember Raul Peralez, City of San Jose
Vice Mayor Greg Scharff, City of Palo Alto

Members Absent

Supervisor Dave Pine, County of San Mateo (Alternate)
Supervisor David Rabbitt, County of Sonoma

Staff Present

Ezra Rapport, ABAG Executive Director
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. MTC PLANNING COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MTC Planning Committee Minutes of the January 22, 2016 Meeting

MTC Planning Committee approved its minutes of the January 22, 2016 meeting.

6. APPROVAL OF ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE SUMMARY MINUTES OF MEETING ON JANUARY 22, 2016

President Pierce recognized a motion by Pat Eklund, Mayor, City of Novato, which was seconded by Bill Harrison, Mayor, City of Fremont, to approve the Administrative Committee summary minutes of January 22, 2016.

The ayes were: Pierce, Eklund, Gupta, Harrison, Luce, Peralez, Scharff.

The nays were: None.

The abstentions were: None.

The absences were: Cortese, Haggerty, Mar, Pine (Alternate), Rabbitt.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. ABAG/MTC MERGER STUDY—MANAGEMENT PARTNERS

Lynn Dantzker, Project Manager, and Dan Marks, Special Advisor, assisted by Brittany Gabel, Senior Management Advisor, Management Partners, reported on the ABAG/MTC merger study.

A. Merger Study Update—Land Use and Transportation Agency Profiles

Dantzker and Marks reported on the individual interviews of committee members; ABAG and MTC executive directors, deputy directors, and planning directors; joint committee workshop on February 26; separate focus groups with MTC and ABAG planning staff; meeting with employee representation units for each agency; development and implementation of stakeholder engagement plan; issuance a work plan; development of a Merger Study Information Sheet and website; issuance of an elected officials electronic survey; analysis of financial information and meetings on financial forecasts; research on major regional land use and transportation agencies; and continuing work on obtaining background information for alternative options and models.

B. MTC and ABAG Functional Organization

Dantzker and Marks reviewed the functional organization of both MTC and ABAG, including functional areas, programs and staff assignments.

Members discussed the history of ABAG and MTC related to the creation of a metropolitan planning organization separate from the council of governments.

C. Existing Regional Land Use and Transportation Planning Organizational Profiles

Dantzker and Marks reviewed the agency profiles of other major metropolitan area land use and transportation agencies, including, in addition to MTC and ABAG, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOC)/National Capital Transportation Planning Board (TPB), and Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC). The review included a description of cities and counties, population, and land area served; annual operation expenditures, annual revenue from membership dues/assessment, and total employees; and functional responsibilities, including federally-designated MPO, regional Council of Governments, regional transportation planning, regional land use planning, state transportation funding allocation, state regional housing needs assessment; and governance structures.

Members discussed a merged agency with two boards and a special joint committee; governance structures and organizational charts of state councils of governments; detailed description of land use and transportation responsibilities under ABAG and MTC.

D. Summary of MTC and ABAG's Sustainable Communities Strategy Statutory Responsibilities under Senate Bill 375

Danztker and Marks reviewed the statutory duties under SB 375 related to the preparation of a sustainable communities strategy as an integral part of the regional transportation plan, including statutory duties regarding preparation of information related to the sustainable communities strategy; and local land use control.

Members discussed MTC's responsibility to approve the regional transportation plan and its sustainable communities strategy; local land use control; local land use financing; analysis of each agency's role under SB 375; clarification of the slide on preparation of information related to the sustainable communities strategy.

Ms. Danztker and Mr. Marks provided a wrap-up and reviewed next steps for the meeting on March 25, including reports on the financial forecasts for MTC and ABAG; alternative models/options for consideration and analysis criteria; and summary of stakeholder and engagement comments and themes.

Members discussed receiving a report on the pluses and minuses for each reported option; the Assembly Select Committee on Bay Area Regional Planning; a report on the statement of the problem under the merger study; issues and principles for analyzing the options and problems.

The following individuals gave public comment: Ken Bukowski; Mark Green; Alyssa Kies, SPUR.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT / OTHER BUSINESS

The following individuals gave public comment: Revan Tranter, ABAG Emeritus Executive Director; Matt Vander Sluis, Greenbelt Alliance.

Members discussed receiving materials in advance of the meeting to allow for review.

9. ADJOURNMENT / NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at about 10:18 a.m.

The next joint meeting of the ABAG Administrative Committee and MTC Planning Committee on the ABAG/MTC Merger Study will be held on March 25, 2016, 9:00 a.m., Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, 101 8th Street, Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Oakland.

Submitted:

/s/ Ezra Rapport, Secretary-Treasurer

Date Submitted: March 3, 2016

Date Approved: March 25, 2016

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