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METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Bay Area Metro Center
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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee

David Canepa, Chair ***Vacant, Vice Chair***

Friday, February 14, 2025 **9:45 AM** **Board Room - 1st Floor**

Roster
David Canepa (Chair), Eddie Ahn, Ken Carlson, Pat Eklund, Dorene M. Giacopini*, Matt Mahan, Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Sue Noack, David Rabbitt, Belia Ramos, Carlos Romero, Wanda Williams, Vacant (ABAG-3), and Vacant (MTC-3)
***Non-Voting Member**

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Present: 9 - Chair Canepa, Committee Member Ahn, Committee Member Carlson, Committee Member Eklund, Committee Member Moulton-Peters, Committee Member Noack, Committee Member Rabbitt, Committee Member Romero and Committee Member Williams

Absent: 2 - Committee Member Mahan and Committee Member Ramos

Non-Voting Member Present: Dorene M. Giacopini, MTC
Ad Hoc Non-Voting Members Present: Commissioner Burt and Commissioner Kaplan.
The following individual participated from a noticed remote location: Member Carlson.
The following individual participated from an unnoticed remote location. Their participation did not count toward the quorum, and they did not vote on any items: Commissioner Papan.

2. Consent Calendar

Upon the motion by Committee Member Williams and second by Committee Member Noack, the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chair Canepa, Committee Member Ahn, Committee Member Carlson, Committee Member Eklund, Committee Member Moulton-Peters, Committee Member Noack, Committee Member Rabbitt, Committee Member Romero and Committee Member Williams

Absent: 2 - Committee Member Mahan and Committee Member Ramos

2a. 25-0091 Approval of Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee Minutes of the January 10, 2025 Meeting

Action: Committee Approval

Attachments: 2a_25-0091_2025-01-10_Joint_MTC_ABAG_Legislation_Committee_Meeting_Minutes_Draft.pdf

2b. 25-0092 Legislative History

Detailed list of bills the ABAG and MTC are tracking in Sacramento, including those ABAG or MTC supports or opposes.

Action: Information

Presenter: Julie Snyder

Attachments: 2b_25-0092_Handout-February_Legislative_History.pdf

2c. 25-0093 Washington, D.C. Legislative Update

Report on key legislative, funding and political developments over the past month from Washington, D.C. prepared by the Summit Strategies team.

Action: Information

Presenter: Georgia Gann Dohrmann

Attachments: 2c_25-0093_Washington_D.C._Legislative_Update.pdf

2d. 25-0182 Senate Bill 71 (Wiener): Environmental Streamlining for Sustainable Transportation

Removes the statutory sunset in current law that exempts certain transit, bicycle and pedestrian projects from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements and makes other updates. The bill is consistent with MTC's longstanding advocacy - MTC supported the bill that initially established the CEQA exemption [Senate Bill (SB) 288 (Wiener, 2020)] as well as SB 922 (Wiener, 2022), Senator Wiener's first attempt to remove the statutory sunset.

Action: Support / Commission Approval

Presenter: Georgia Gann Dohrmann

Attachments: 2d_25-0182_Summary_Sheet_SB_71_Wiener.pdf

3. State Legislation

3a. 25-0184 Regional Transportation Revenue Measure Polling Results

Overview by EMC Research, Inc. (EMC) of polling results related to a future regional transportation revenue measure.

Action: Information

Presenter: Rebecca Long, MTC and Ruth Bernstein, EMC

Attachments: 3a_25-0184_Summary_Sheet_Polling_Results.pdf
3aii_25-0184_Handout_Transportation_Regional_Measure_Survey_Report.pdf

The following individuals spoke on this item: Jason Baker, Caltrain; Darton Ito, SFMTC; Alex Walker, BART; Adina Levin, Seamless Bay Area; Sara Greenwald, Voices for Public Transportation; Aleta Dupree; Joshua Arce, Nor Cal Laborers California Alliance; Anthony, Transbay Coalition; Emily, Public Advocates; Laurel Paget-Seekins, Public Advocates; Carter Lavin, Voices for Public Transportation; Cyrus Hall; Bob Allen, Urban Habitat; Abby Rahman-Davies, Transform; Zach Lipton; Abigail, Sonoma County Transit Riders Union; Ryan Williams, SEIU Local 1021; Vallery Lancey; Carol Taylor, Genesis; Matthew; Bryan Culbertson; and David Sorrell, Seamless Bay Area.

3b. 25-0185 Draft Transportation Revenue Measure Principles

Legislative update on enabling legislation for a transportation revenue measure and draft principles to guide MTC's advocacy.

Action: Information

Presenter: Rebecca Long

Attachments: 3b_25-0185_Summary_Sheet_TRM_Principles.pdf

The following individuals spoke on this item: Jonathan Cole, Climate Action California; Darton Ito, SFMTC; Adina Levin, Seamless Bay Area; Joshua Arce, Nor Cal Laborers California Alliance; Anthony, Transbay Coalition; Laurel Paget-Seekins, Public Advocates; Ryan Williams, SEIU Local 1021; Emily, Public Advocates; Abigail, Sonoma County Transit Riders Union; and Pat Piras.

3c. 25-0202 Senate Bill (SB) 239 (Arreguín): Ralph M. Brown Act Teleconferencing Reform

Co-sponsor SB 239 (Arreguín) to expand remote meeting options for non-decision-making local legislative bodies - including advisory boards - that do not take final action.

Action: Co-Sponsor / ABAG Executive Board Approval
Co-Sponsor / Commission Approval

Presenter: Georgia Gann Dohrmann

Attachments: 3ci_25-0202_Summary_Sheet_Brown_Act_Teleconferencing_Reform.pdf
3cii_25-0202_Attachment_A_Council_Memo_to_AB_817_MTC_Brown_Act_Reform_Bill.pdf

Aleta Dupree spoke on this item.
Adina Levin, Seamless Bay Area, spoke on this item.
Carol Taylor, Genesis, spoke on this item.

Upon the motion by Committee Member Eklund and second by Committee Member Williams, a Co-Sponsor position on Senate Bill 239 (Arreguín) was adopted to be forwarded to the ABAG Executive Board and Commission, respectively. Staff requested Chair Canepa to concur with the emergency procedure to communicate a position on Senate Bill 239 prior to the ABAG Executive Board meeting date. Chair Canepa indicated concurrence. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chair Canepa, Committee Member Ahn, Committee Member Carlson, Committee Member Eklund, Committee Member Moulton-Peters, Committee Member Noack, Committee Member Rabbitt, Committee Member Romero and Committee Member Williams

Absent: 2 - Committee Member Mahan and Committee Member Ramos

3d. 25-0260 Regional Housing Needs Allocation Credit for Preservation

Co-sponsor a bill by Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva to allow cities and counties to earn credit toward their Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) targets by preserving "naturally occurring affordable housing" with long-term deed restrictions.

Action: Co-Sponsor / ABAG Executive Board Approval
Co-Sponsor / Commission Approval

Presenter: Julie Snyder

Attachments: 3d_25-0260_Summary_Sheet_RHNA_preservation_bill.pdf

Upon the motion by Committee Member Eklund and second by Committee Member Moulton-Peters, , a Co-Sponsor position on Regional Housing Needs Allocation Credit for Preservation was adopted to be forwarded to the ABAG Executive Board and Commission, respectively. Staff requested Chair Canepa to concur with the emergency procedure to communicate a position on the Regional Housing Needs Allocation Credit for Preservation prior to the ABAG Executive Board meeting date. Chair Canepa indicated concurrence. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chair Canepa, Committee Member Ahn, Committee Member Carlson, Committee Member Eklund, Committee Member Moulton-Peters, Committee Member Noack, Committee Member Rabbitt, Committee Member Romero and Committee Member Williams

Absent: 2 - Committee Member Mahan and Committee Member Ramos

4. Public Comment / Other Business

5. Adjournment / Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee will be held on Friday, March 14, 2025 at 9:45 a.m. at the Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA, and other remote locations. Any changes to the schedule will be duly noticed to the public.