



Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Bay Area Metro Center
375 Beale Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Meeting Agenda

Legislation Committee

Committee Members:

Jake Mackenzie, Chair Sam Liccardo, Vice Chair

*Damon Connolly, Dave Cortese, Anne W. Halsted, David Rabbitt,
Warren Slocum, James P. Spering*

Non-Voting Members: Dorene M. Giacomini and Jimmy Stracner

Friday, December 13, 2019

9:35 AM

Board Room - 1st Floor

This meeting is scheduled to take place at 9:35 a.m. or immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Operations Committee meeting and will be webcast live on the following website:
Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Website:
<http://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/meetings>

1. Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Quorum: A quorum of the MTC Legislation Committee shall be a majority of its regular voting members (5).

2. Consent Calendar

- 2a. [19-1331](#) Approval of the Legislation Committee Minutes of the November 8, 2019 Meeting

Action: Committee Approval

Attachments: [2a MTC LEGIS Minutes Nov 8 2019.pdf](#)

3. State

- 3a. [19-1332](#) Contract - Sacramento Legislative Representative: Carter, Wetch & Associates (\$618,243)

A request for approval of a contract for state legislative advocacy services with Carter, Wetch & Associates for four years at a cost not to exceed \$618,243 with an option to extend for another four years.

Action: Committee Approval

Presenter: Randy Rentschler

Attachments: [3a State Lobbying Contract Leg.pdf](#)

4. Information**4a.** [19-1333](#) Tom Bulger's Report

Report from Washington, D.C. advocate.

Action: Information

Presenter: Randy Rentschler

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5. Public Comment / Other Business**6. Adjournment / Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the MTC Legislation Committee will be Friday, January 10, 2020
10:10 a.m. the Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA.

Public Comment: The public is encouraged to comment on agenda items at Committee meetings by completing a request-to-speak card (available from staff) and passing it to the Committee secretary. Public comment may be limited by any of the procedures set forth in Section 3.09 of MTC's Procedures Manual (Resolution No. 1058, Revised) if, in the chair's judgment, it is necessary to maintain the orderly flow of business.

Meeting Conduct: If this meeting is willfully interrupted or disrupted by one or more persons rendering orderly conduct of the meeting unfeasible, the Chair may order the removal of individuals who are willfully disrupting the meeting. Such individuals may be arrested. If order cannot be restored by such removal, the members of the Committee may direct that the meeting room be cleared (except for representatives of the press or other news media not participating in the disturbance), and the session may continue.

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All items on the agenda are subject to action and/or change by the Committee. Actions recommended by staff are subject to change by the Committee.

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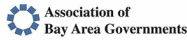
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Type: Minutes **Status:** Consent
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On agenda: 12/13/2019 **Final action:**
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Recommended Action:
Committee Approval

Attachments:



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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Joint MTC Legislation Committee and ABAG Legislation Committee

Friday, November 8, 2019

9:40 AM

Board Room - 1st Floor

1. Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Present: 3 - Vice Chair Liccardo, Chair Mackenzie and Commissioner Rabbitt

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Cortese, Commissioner Halsted, Commissioner Slocum and Commissioner Spering

Non-Voting Member Present: Commissioner Stracner

Non-Voting Member Absent: Commissioner Giacomini

Ex Officio Voting Member Present: Commission Chair Haggerty

Ad Hoc Non-Voting Members Present: Commissioner Josefowitz, Commissioner Papan, and Commissioner Worth

ABAG Legislation Committee Members Present: Arreguin, Eklund, Haggerty, Hudson, Mitchoff, Pierce, Rabbitt, and Ramos.

Commissioner Chair Haggerty deputized Commissioner Josefowitz and Commissioner Worth to act as voting members of the Committee in the absence of a quorum.

2. ABAG Legislation Committee Consent Calendar

2a. [19-1159](#) Approval of ABAG Legislation Committee Summary Minutes of the September 13, 2019 Meeting

Action: ABAG Legislation Committee Approval

Attachments: [2a ABAG Legislation Minutes 20190913.pdf](#)

3. MTC Legislation Committee Consent Calendar

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Upon the motion by Worth and second by Vice Chair Liccardo, the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Liccardo, Chair Mackenzie, Commissioner Rabbitt, Worth and Josefowitz

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Cortese, Commissioner Halsted, Commissioner Slocum and Commissioner Spering

3a. [19-1160](#) Approval of MTC Legislation Committee Minutes of the October 11, 2019 Meeting

Action: MTC Legislation Committee Approval

Attachments: [3a MTC LEGIS Minutes Oct 11 2019.pdf](#)

4. Information

4a. [19-1162](#) Tom Bulger's Report

Report from Washington, D.C. advocate.

Action: Information

Presenter: Georgia Gann Dohrmann

Attachments: [4a Tom Bulger's DC Report Oct 2019.pdf](#)

4b. [19-1161](#) 2020 Draft Joint Advocacy Program

Draft of the joint MTC/ABAG 2020 Advocacy Program.

Action: Information

Presenter: Rebecca Long

Attachments: [4b Draft Advocacy Program.pdf](#)
[4b Handout Correspondence.pdf](#)

Adina Levin, Friends of Caltrain, was called to speak.

5. Public Comment / Other Business

6. Adjournment / Next Meeting

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Presenter:

Randy Rentschler

Recommended Action:

Committee Approval

Attachments:

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Legislation Committee

December 13, 2019

Agenda Item 3a

Contract – Sacramento Legislative Representative: Carter, Wetch & Associates (\$618,243)

- Subject:** A request for approval of a contract for state legislative advocacy services with Carter, Wetch & Associates for four years at a cost not to exceed \$618,243 with an option to extend for another four years.
- Background:** MTC has been represented in Sacramento by Carter, Wetch & Associates since January 2006. The most recent contract, initiated in November 2013 and extended three times, was a competitive procurement and expired on November 17, 2019.
- On November 1, MTC issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for state legislative advocacy services for an initial four-year contract with an option to extend for another four years. MTC budgeted for state advocacy services at a rate of \$150,000 for FY 2019-20; subsequent years include a 2 percent cost of living adjustment.
- The RFQ was distributed through MTC’s online procurement system. Recipients included more than 270 known lobbying firms in Sacramento and nearly 150 public agency partners who work on legislative issues in order to ensure wide distribution to potential proposers. Though there appeared to be initial interest from a number of candidates—363 firms opened the consultant contact email and 16 downloaded the RFQ—we ultimately only received one Statement of Qualification (SOQ) from Carter, Wetch & Associates, with Mercury Public Affairs as a subcontractor (the Carter, Wetch & Associates team).
- This SOQ was reviewed by an evaluation panel of MTC staff based on the following factors:
1. Firm and team qualifications (50%)
 2. Demonstrated knowledge of transportation policy and funding issues (20%)
 3. Potential conflicts of interest representing MTC and other clients (20%)
 4. Annual rates and cost to MTC (10%)
- Based on the evaluation panel review, staff is confident that the Carter, Wetch & Associates team will provide the agency with top notch access to legislators and staff in the State Assembly and Senate as well as the Newsom Administration.
- With respect to the first criterion—firm and team qualifications—the evaluation panel members gave the proposer very high rankings. The five proposed team members—Scott Wetch, Mike Monagan, and Allison Ramsey with Carter, Wetch & Associates and Dustin McFetridge and Paul Bauer with Mercury Public Affairs—collectively bring 128 years of experience to bear on behalf of MTC. Under MTC’s current contract, Carter, Wetch & Associates along with Duncan McFetridge from Mercury Public Affairs has repeatedly demonstrated their ability to oppose adverse legislation as well as the ability to shepherd legislation sponsored or supported by MTC to the finish line. Key items of legislation

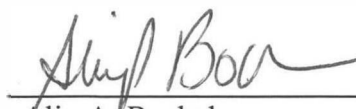
enacted since 2014 (the first year of the firm's most recent contract) include AB 516 (Mullin, 2016), establishing the new temporary license plate program; SB 1128 (Glazer, 2016), removing the sunset date on the Bay Area Commuter Benefit program; SB 595 (Beall, 2017), authorizing Regional Measure 3; and SB 1 (Beall, 2017), which raised significant new dedicated state funding for transportation. The Carter, Wetch & Associates team also helped secure passage of numerous MTC-supported housing bills in 2019.

The Carter Wetch & Associates team has experience in the specifics of transportation policy and funding and demonstrates an impressive track record with respect to political strategy as well as strong relationships in Sacramento among legislators and the Administration. The panel believes the firm is well positioned to continue to effectively implement MTC's legislative priorities.

Another major consideration of the panel was with respect to the conflict of interest criterion. The proposer has no other transportation-only clients, though Carter, Wetch & Associates do represent the Mayor's Office of the City & County of San Francisco.

With respect to the cost criteria, the team proposed funding at the level budgeted by MTC and indicated in the RFQ. Staff will negotiate with the firm on a final amount not to exceed \$618,241 over four years.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Committee authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into a contract with Carter, Wetch & Associates not to exceed \$618,241 for state legislative advocacy services, assuming the MTC Administration Committee approved this contract at its December 11, 2019 meeting, and subject to the agency's operating budget approval process, with an option to extend for another four years, subject to the parties' agreement on renewal terms.



Alix A. Bockelman

REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

Summary of Proposed Contract

Work Item No.:	1132
Consultant:	Carter, Wetch & Associates Sacramento, CA
Work Project Title:	Sacramento Legislative Advocacy Services
Purpose of Project:	To provide lobbying services in Sacramento, California
Brief Scope of Work:	Represent MTC's interests at the state level before the California Legislature and Administration
Project Cost Not to Exceed:	\$618,241 \$150,000 for year 1 (calendar year 2020) \$153,000 for year 2 (calendar year 2021) \$156,060 for year 3 (calendar year 2022) \$159,181 for year 4 (calendar year 2023)
Funding Source:	TDA, STA
Fiscal Impact:	Funds for FY 2019-20 are programmed in FY 2019-20 adopted agency budget; future fiscal years are subject to the agency budget approval process.
Motion by Committee:	That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract with Carter, Wetch & Associates for lobbying services as described in the Administration Committee Summary Sheet dated December 11, 2019 and the Chief Financial Officer is directed to set aside funds as specified above for such a contract, subject to necessary budget approvals.
Administration Committee:	<hr/> Federal D. Glover, Chair
Date Approved:	December 11, 2019
Legislation Committee:	<hr/> Jake Mackenzie, Chair
Date Approved:	December 13, 2019



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Presenter:

Randy Rentschler

Recommended Action:

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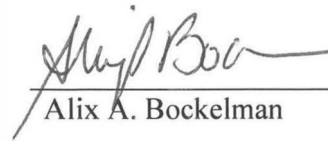
Agenda Item 4a

Tom Bulger's Report

Subject: November 2019 Report from Washington, D.C. advocate.

Recommendation: Information

Attachments: Attachment A: Tom Bulger's Report – November 2019


Alix A. Bockelman

November 2019 Monthly Washington, D.C. Report



To: Therese W. McMillian, Executive Director

From: Tom Bulger, President GRI

Date: November 23, 2019

RE: Monthly Report for November 2019

- Another Short-Term Continuing Resolution (CR)
- Highway Recession Repealed
- Coalition to Support Increased Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP) Funding Launched
- Metro Gross Domestic Product (GDP) Report Released
- Fuel Standards Split Auto Industry
- Coming and Going
- Meeting

Another Short-Term Continuing Resolution (CR)

As reported in October 2019, Congress and the Trump Administration avoided another government shutdown and agreed to another short-term CR through December 20, 2019.

This is the second CR for Fiscal Year 2019 which ended September 30, 2019.

Highway Recession Repealed

The CR also repealed the pending rescission of \$7.6 billion in the Federal-Aid Highway Program contract authority which would have taken effect next July 1, 2020.

Coalition to Support Increased Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP) Funding Launched

I attended a Surface Transportation Block Grant (STP) funding coalition meeting, which was hosted by the United States Conference of Mayors, National Association of Counties, and National Association of Regional Councils. Over 20 Washington local government representatives attended. The purpose of the coalition is to gauge support and consensus to advocate for increased STP formula funding shares to metropolitan areas in the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's surface transportation authorization proposal. The next meeting is in early December at the County's offices.

Metro Gross Domestic Product (GDP) Report Released

The Mayor's released their "Metro Areas: Engines of the Nation's Economy" report in November 2019. U.S. metro account for 85.9% of the U.S. population, 88.1% of the nation employment, 89.3% of personal income, 91.8% of wage income and 91.1% of overall GDP.

The Bay Area's combined metro's regarding San Francisco-Oakland, San Jose, and Santa Rosa would put our region ahead of Chicago as the 3rd largest metro economy.

Fuel Standards Split Auto Industry

On October 29, 2019, I attended a House Oversight Committee hearing on the Trump Administration's ongoing effort to roll back Obama-era fuel economy standards and the ensuing fight with California over a voluntary deal with select auto manufacturers to achieve fuel efficiency targets. General Motors, Toyota, and Fiat Chrysler Automobiles have sided with the Administration. This is part of the larger Trump Administration SAFE Vehicles Rulemaking which would also revoke California's authority to set its own rules under the Clean Air Act, effective November 26, 2019.

Coming and Going

The Impeachment inquiry is dominating almost every aspect of the nation's Capital.

Meetings

- On November 15, 2019, I met with Robert Puentes, President and CEO of the Eno Center for Transportation who publishes EnoTransportation Weekly.