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Agenda Item 3b

Memorandum

TO: MTC SAFE

DATE: December 16, 2015

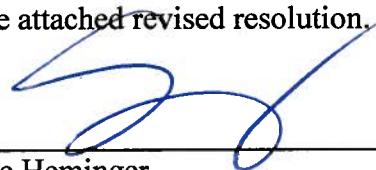
FR: Executive Director

W. I. 1150

RE: MTC SAFE Resolution No. 44, Revised - Recommended Revisions to Executive Director's Signature Authority

On December 11, 2015, the Operations Committee forwarded to the Authority a revision to MTC SAFE Resolution No. 44, Revised which would increase the Executive Director's signature authority for contract actions from \$100,000 to \$200,000. At the same meeting, in an unrelated item, staff presented an Emergency Management Program Update. During the presentation, the Operations Committee expressed its desire to provide sufficient authority to the MTC Executive Director to enter into contracts related to emergencies and directed staff to prepare an item to increase the Executive Director's contracting authority for emergency contracts to \$1,000,000.

As a result of this request, staff is recommending that the Authority approve the revisions to MTC SAFE Resolution No. 44, Revised, set forth in the attached revised resolution.



Steve Heminger

Attachment: MTC SAFE Resolution No. 44, Revised

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Date: March 24, 2004
W.I.: 1231 and 1232
Referred by: Operations Committee
Revised: 04/25/07-SAFE
06/23/10-SAFE
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ABSTRACT

SAFE Resolution No. 44, Revised

SAFE Resolution No. 9, Revised, delegated signature authority to the Executive Director of the Authority, Deputy Executive Director, or a designee of the Executive Director, to enter into certain specified contracts and funding agreements.

This resolution revises the signature authority delegated to the Executive Director of the Authority, or to the Deputy Director if authorized by the Executive Director, to increase the threshold amounts to enter into certain contracts and funding agreements without Operations Committee approval.

This resolution supersedes Resolution No. 9, Revised.

Attachment A of this resolution was revised on April 25, 2007 to delegate signature authority to the Executive Director of the Authority or to the Deputy Director or other designee, if authorized by the Executive Director, to execute contract amendments that in total do not exceed the dollar value of a contract allotment approved by the Operations Committee. In addition, clarifying changes were made to this resolution to reflect the SAFE's current staffing organization.

Attachment A of this resolution was revised on June 23, 2010 to modify and clarify the delegation of signature authority.

Attachment A of this resolution was revised on December 16, 2015 to increase the delegation of signature authority from \$100,000 to \$200,000 for all contracts, except for emergency contracts, for which authority was increased from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000.

Discussion of these items can be found in the Executive Director's Memoranda to the MTC SAFE Operations Committee dated February 25, 2004 and April 4, 2007, the Executive Director's Memoranda to the Operations Committee dated June 4, 2010 and December 2, 2015, and the Executive Director's Memorandum to the Authority dated December 16, 2015.

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RE: Delegation of Contracting Authority, without Oversight Committee approval, to the Executive Director of the Authority

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAY EMERGENCIES

Resolution No. 44

WHEREAS, SAFE Resolution No. 1 established a Metropolitan Transportation Commission Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies ("MTC SAFE" or "SAFE"), pursuant to Streets and Highways Code Sections 2550 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the MTC SAFE has appointed an Executive Director who, subject to the direction of the SAFE, has charge of administering the affairs of the SAFE; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Executive Director's duties in administering the affairs of the Authority, the Executive Director, among other things, enters into contracts and purchase orders for goods and services necessary to carry out the statutory purposes of the Authority and funding agreements with other public agencies for the distribution and receipt of funds; and

WHEREAS, funds for the purchase of goods and services by purchase order and contract are programmed by the MTC SAFE with the adoption of the annual budget for each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, in order to efficiently administer such purchase orders, contracts and funding agreements, the Authority authorized the Executive Director to execute certain agreements without prior approval by the Oversight Committee under SAFE Resolution No. 9, Revised; and

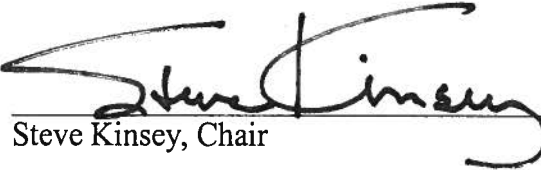
WHEREAS, the Authority wishes to revise the delegations authorized under SAFE Resolution No. 9, Revised; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director, or the Deputy Director, or a designee of the Executive Director, is hereby authorized and directed to sign purchase orders, contract documents and funding agreements, as indicated on Attachment A; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that any action taken by the Executive Director (or the Deputy Director or designee, as applicable), shall be reported to the Operations Committee as part of the regular financial reporting procedure; and, be it further

RESOLVED, SAFE Resolution No. 9, Revised is hereby superseded with the approval of this Resolution.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAY EMERGENCIES



Steve Kinsey, Chair

The above resolution was entered
into by the MTC SAFE
at a regular meeting of the Authority
held in Oakland, California, on
March 24, 2004.

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1. References to “contracts” in this Attachment refer also to “purchase orders”.
2. The Executive Director, designated Deputy Executive Director or other designee if authorized by the Executive Director, is hereby authorized to sign contracts and/or amendments to contracts totaling ~~\$100,000~~ \$200,000, without referral to a standing Committee of the Authority with contract approval authority, provided the things to be purchased or the work to be done are included in the annual budget approved by the Authority. This delegated authority is renewed for any single contract each time the appropriate Committee approves a new total contract amount.
3. The Executive Director may authorize Section Directors to sign contracts and/or amendments to such contracts with a total contract value up to \$25,000 cumulatively.
4. Where an Authority Committee with contract approval authority has approved a contract allotment in addition to the original contract amount to cover changes that may be required during the performance period, the Executive Director, a designated Deputy Executive Director or other designee, if authorized by the Executive Director, is authorized to sign change orders and contract amendments that in total do not exceed the approved contract allotment, without further referral to the appropriate authorizing Committee.
5. The Executive Director, designated Deputy Executive Director or other designee, if authorized by the Executive Director, is authorized to sign funding agreements and amendments to funding agreements included in the annual budget approved by the Authority authorizing the Authority to receive funds from other public agencies and to distribute funds to other public agencies without referral to the appropriate authorizing Committee and without regard to dollar amount, provided, with respect to distribution of funds, that the recipients are named in the adopted annual budget. Funding agreements distributing funds to

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recipients not so named are subject to the delegation authority for contracts and amendments in paragraphs one, two and three of this Attachment

6. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to sign contracts and to waive competitive procurement requirements for emergency contracts and purchase orders, with the approval of the Authority Chair, or in his/her absence, the Vice Chair, provided that: (i) funds for the contract or purchase order are available in the adopted agency budget; and (ii) each emergency contract or purchase order may not exceed \$1,000,000. "Emergency" contract is defined as a contract necessary to deal with Acts of God or other threats to public safety or well-being when the delay caused by waiting for the next meeting of the Committee or Authority would increase that threat. ~~Any contract or purchase order in excess of \$100,000 shall be ratified by the appropriate authorizing Committee or Authority at the next regular meeting.~~