Association of Bay Area Governments
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Joint MTC Legislation Committee and ABAG Legislation Committee

Friday, March 13, 2020 | **9:35 AM** | **Board Room - 1st Floor**

1. Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Present: 6 - Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Cortese, Vice Chair Liccardo, Chair Mackenzie, Commissioner Rabbitt and Commissioner Spering

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Halsted and Commissioner Slocum

Non-Voting Member Present: Commissioner Giacopini
Non-Voting Member Absent: Commissioner Stracner
Ex Officio Voting Members Present: Commission Chair Haggerty and
Commission Vice Chair Pedroza
Ad Hoc Non-Voting Members Present: Commissioner Josefowitz and Commissioner Worth

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

2. ABAG Compensation Announcement - Clerk of the Board

3. ABAG Legislation Committee Consent Calendar

3a. 20-0329 Approval of ABAG Legislation Committee Summary Minutes of the February 14, 2020 Meeting

Action: ABAG Legislation Committee Approval

Attachments: 3a_ABAG Legislation Minutes 20200214 Draft.pdf

4. MTC Legislation Committee Consent Calendar

4a. 20-0330 Approval of MTC Legislation Committee Minutes of the February 14, 2020 Meeting

Action: MTC Legislation Committee Approval

Attachments: 4a_MTC LEGIS_Minutes_Feb 14 2020.pdf

Upon the motion by Chair Mackenzie and second by Commissioner Connolly, the MTC Legislation Committee Consent Calendar was unanimously approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Cortese, Chair Mackenzie, Commissioner Rabbitt and Commissioner Spering

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Halsted, Vice Chair Liccardo and Commissioner Slocum

Commissioner Liccardo arrived after the approval of the MTC Legislation Committee Consent Calendar.

5. Information

5a. 20-0332 Legislative History

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

Action: Information

Presenter: Rebecca Long

Attachments: 5a_Handout-State LegisHistory_March 2020.pdf

5b. 20-0419 March 2020 Election Update: Impact on Transportation & Housing

Update and analysis of the results of the March 3, 2020 primary election, including a summary of any transportation and housing-related measures.

Action: Information

Presenter: Rebecca Long

Attachments: 5b_Election Update.pdf

6. State Legislation - MTC Legislation Committee Approval

6a. 20-0411 Senate Bill 1408 (Dodd): State Route 37 Toll Bridge Act

Authorizes tolls and bond financing on State Route 37 (SR 37) to make various improvements.

Action: Support and Seek Amendments / Commission Approval

Presenter: Rebecca Long

Attachments: 6a_SB 1408_.pdf

Upon the motion by Chair Mackenzie and second by Commissioner Spering, a support and seek amendments position on 1408 (Dodd) to recommend that the tolls be administered regionally by MTC/BATA staff, but not as an eighth toll bridge in the Bay Area Toll Authority system. Instead, staff will explore the potential for designating Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority (BAIFA), an existing joint powers authority of MTC and BATA, as the SR 37 toll authority, including exploring how BAIFA's governance might need to change in order for it to assume this and other roles, was adopted to be forwarded to the Commission for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Cortese, Vice Chair Liccardo, Chair Mackenzie, Commissioner Rabbitt and Commissioner Spering

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Halsted and Commissioner Slocum

7. State Legislation

7a. 20-0382 Assembly Bill 725 (Wicks): Middle-Income Housing

AB 725 (Wicks) aims to facilitate middle-income housing production by requiring at least 25 percent of each metropolitan jurisdiction's share of moderate-income and above moderate-income regional housing need be allocated to sites zoned to allow at least two units of housing, but no more than 35 units per acre of housing.

Action: Support / Commission Approval

Presenter: Georgia Gann Dohrmann

Attachments: 7a_AB 725 (Wicks).pdf

Upon the motion by Vice Chair Liccardo and second by Commissioner Spering, an oppose unless amended position on 725 (Wicks) to request that the bill applies to suburban as well as metropolitan jurisdictions and that it allow a jurisdiction to exceed the 35 units/acre cap applicable to zoning for moderate and above-moderate income units, was adopted, in place of the original support position, to be forwarded to the Commission for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Cortese, Vice Chair Liccardo, Chair Mackenzie, Commissioner Rabbitt and Commissioner Spering

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Halsted and Commissioner Slocum

7b. 20-0409 Assembly Bill 2829 (Ting): Moderate-Income Housing Welfare Tax Exemption

AB 2829 (Ting) creates a property tax exemption for qualified rental housing units with rents affordable to moderate-income households, with the goal of facilitating "missing middle" housing production.

Action: Support and Seek Amendment / Commission Approval

Presenter: Georgia Gann Dohrmann

Attachments: 7b_AB 2829.pdf

Upon the motion by Chair Mackenzie and second by Commissioner Cortese, a support and seek amendments position on AB 2829 (Ting) to exclude from the new exemption low-income units or units that had been reserved for low-income households in the ten years prior to the moderate-income property tax welfare exemption claim, was adopted to be forwarded to the Commission for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Cortese, Vice Chair Liccardo, Chair Mackenzie, Commissioner Rabbitt and Commissioner Spering

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Halsted and Commissioner Slocum

7c. 20-0410 Senate Bill 278 (Beall): Bay Area Transportation Revenue Measure

Update on proposed legislation to authorize a one percent sales tax to be approved by the voters in the nine Bay Area to fund transportation improvements and potentially affordable housing.

Action: Information

Presenter: Rebecca Long

Attachments: 7c_SB 278 Transportation Revenue Measure.pdf

The following individuals spoke on this item:
Peter Straus of San Francisco Transit Riders and Voices for Public Transpiration;
Monica Mallon of Voices for Public Transportation and Silicon Valley Transit Users;
Rich Hedges; and
Bob Allen of Urban Habitat and Voices for Public Transportation.

8. Federal Legislation - MTC Legislation Committee Approval

8a. 20-0207 Contract - Washington, D.C. Legislative Representative Summit Strategies Government Affairs LLC ($900,000)

A request for Committee approval of a three-year contract with Summit Strategies Government Affairs LLC in an amount not to exceed $900,000 ($300,000/year) for federal legislative advocacy services, with an option to extend for another three years, subject to the approval of future MTC budget.

Action: MTC Legislation Committee Approval

Presenter: Georgia Gann Dohrmann

Attachments: 8a_Federal Lobbying Contract_Commission.pdf

Upon the motion by Chair Mackenzie and second by Commissioner Spering, the Contract - Washington, D.C. Legislative Representative Summit Strategies Government Affairs LLC ($900,000) was approved to be forwarded to the Commission for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Cortese, Vice Chair Liccardo, Chair Mackenzie, Commissioner Rabbitt and Commissioner Spering

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Halsted and Commissioner Slocum

9. Federal Legislation

9a. 20-0335 Tom Bulger's Report

Report from Washington, D.C. advocate.

Action: Information

Presenter: Randy Rentschler

Attachments: 9a_Tom Bulger's DC Report_Feb 2020.pdf

10. Public Comment / Other Business

11. Adjournment / Next Meeting

The next meeting of the MTC Legislation Committee will be Friday, April 10, 2020 at 9:35 a.m. at the Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA. Note, this meeting did not occur due to COVID-19.