



Joint Policy Committee

Minutes of the Meeting of October 21, 2005 Held at 10:00 AM in the MetroCenter Auditorium, Oakland

Attendance:

ABAG Members:

Jane Brunner
Dave Cortese
Mark Green
Scott Haggerty, Ch.
Rose Jacobs Gibson
Steve Rabinowitsh
Gwen Regalia

BAAQMD Members:

Chris Daly
Mark DeSaulnier
Patrick Kwok
Pamela Torliatt
Gayle Uilkema

MTC Members:

Steve Kinsey
Sue Lempert
John McLemore
Shelia Young

ABAG Staff:

Paul Fassinger
Henry Gardner
Janet McBride
Christy Riviere

BAAQMD Staff:

Suzanne Bourginon
Jack Broadbent
Henry Hilken
Jean Roggenkamp

MTC Staff:

Betty Cecchini
Steve Heminger

Other:

Janet Abelson, Mayor *pro tem*, El Cerrito
Eloise Bodine, Bay Area Monitor
Stuart Cohen, Transportation and Land Use
Coalition
Duane Dewitt
Jean Finney, Caltrans, District 4
Jerry Grace
Loni Hancock, State Assembly Member
Stana Hearne, League of Women Voters
Steve Lowe, WOCA
Peter Lydon, SPUR
Walter Martone, C/CAG
Val Menotti, BART
Bob Planthold, MTC Advisory Council
David Schonbrunn, TRANSDEF
Leslie Stewart, Bay Area Monitor
Steve Tyson

JPC Staff:

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1. Call to Order

As Mr. Haggerty was delayed, Ms. Regalia called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Joint Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2005

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Implementing the Regional Vision Along Multi-Modal, Multi-Jurisdictional Corridors

Janet McBride, ABAG Regional Planning Director, and Christy Riviere, ABAG planner, presented a slide show on ABAG's corridor planning program. A copy of this presentation is available on the JPC website: www.abag.ca.gov/jointpolicy. The presentation noted:

- The corridors planning program directly supports the Regional Vision, as the Vision calls for directing majority of new growth in compact pattern near existing transit stations and along corridors. Approximately 23 percent of new growth is projected to occur near existing transit stations.
- Corridor planning would focus on gaining local government commitment to and community support for Vision-supportive neighborhood planning along each corridor.
- Initial focus would be on El Camino Real, San Pablo Avenue, and East 14th/International Boulevard.

Walter Martone, Transportation Planner with the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County presented a slide show of its corridor planning efforts for El Camino Real. A copy of this presentation is also available on the JPC website: www.abag.ca.gov/jointpolicy. Mr. Martone noted:

- Partners will include: cities and county, Transit District (Samtrans), Transportation Authority (Sales Tax), Joint Powers Board (Caltrain), Caltrans, ABAG, MTC, County Housing Department.
- Efforts will be focused around developing jobs and housing vision for El Camino Real, providing incentive funding to local jurisdictions to participate in creating vision for corridor and to adopt land use changes, designing detailed transportation network, and in building transportation capital improvements.

State Assembly Member Loni Hancock and El Cerrito Mayor *pro tem* Janet Abelson presented their work on San Pablo Avenue:

- Corridor planning effort began by working with elected officials to gauge interest and see what can be done together. Currently all the cities along the corridor are involved, as are local and regional transit and planning agencies.
- Progress to date includes: resolutions passed by cities to be part of the corridor-wide planning effort, stakeholder committee formed that includes local governments and transit agencies, three subcommittees formed (Vision/Action, Data, and Outreach), held bus tour of corridor, held community forum at end of tour to measure community reaction to photo-simulated density options/project design options, held forum on form- based codes.
- Next steps: Identify models to help move forward, focus on community involvement/outreach, continue working with UC students and other grad and/or high school students to do survey work and data collection, identify incentives.

Stuart Cohen, Executive Director with the Transportation & Land Use Coalition, presented its recent efforts on East 14th/International Boulevard:

- Immediate focus will be community outreach on AC Transit BRT proposal for East 14th/International Boulevard via community presentations and merchant surveys; as this is the time to integrate land use conversation with transportation changes/investments (BRT).
- Results and findings will be taken to planning departments in the hope of working collaboratively to design a planning process that includes community needs and concerns.

Time constraints limited discussion, but the importance of inclusive public involvement was emphasized by those who did speak.

4. Report to the Legislature on Functional Consolidation

Discussion emphasized the importance of the joint ABAG/MTC work on emergency preparedness, highlighted the need for evacuation plans that considered those who are transit dependent, and noted the flood hazard in the Bay Area.

The Committee approved the recommendations in the staff report:

- A. THAT the Joint Policy Committee approve the attached Report to the Legislature on the Feasibility of Consolidating ABAG and MTC Functions; and

B. THAT the Joint Policy Committee recommend this report to the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments and to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for approval and transmittal to the Legislature.

5. Regional Ozone Strategy

As there was insufficient time remaining, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

6. Other Business

There was none.

7. Public Comment

In addition to public comment directed at specific agenda items, public speakers emphasized the need for carefully planning the interface between distribution and other uses, improving the quality of transit services and ensuring that planning processes are inclusive of all relevant interests. A speaker also requested that the relationship between transportation investment cost-effectiveness and air quality transportation control mechanisms (TCMs) be pursued.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 Noon.