

**REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE SUMMARY MINUTES
FEBRUARY 1, 2006
JOSEPH P. BORT METRO CENTER**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Susan Adams, Supervisor, County of Marin
Irma Anderson, City of Richmond/MTC
Valerie Brown, Supervisor, County of Sonoma
Jose Cisneros, Treasurer, City of San Francisco
Pat Eklund, Councilmember, City of Novato
Juliet Ellis, Executive Director, Urban Habitat Program
Rose Jacobs Gibson, Supervisor, County of San Mateo
Mark Green, Mayor, City of Union City/Chair
Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, County of Alameda/ABAG Immediate Past President
Stana Hearne, Bay Area League of Women Voters
Kasie Hildenbrand, Councilmember, Dublin/Transportation
John Holtzclaw, Sierra Club
Jake Mackenzie, Councilmember, City of Rohnert Park
Dena Mossar, Councilmember, City of Palo Alto/BCDC
Cynthia Murray, Supervisor, County of Marin
Joseph Perkins, Home Builders Assoc. of Northern California
Julie Pierce, Mayor, City of Clayton
Mark Ross, Councilmember, City of Martinez/BAAQMD
John Vasquez, Supervisor, County of Solano
Mike Zdon, Napa County Transportation Planning Agency/Bay Area CMA

MEMBERS ABSENT

Len Augustine, Mayor, City of Vacaville
Shiloh Ballard, Director, Housing & Community Development, Silicon Valley Leadership Group
Chris Daly, San Francisco City and County
Diane Dillon, Supervisor, County of Napa
Greg Harper, Director, AC Transit
Jennifer Hosterman, Mayor, City of Pleasanton, Alameda County Cities
Nicholas Jellins, Councilmember, City of Menlo Park/County of San Mateo Cities
Pete McHugh, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara
Andrew Michael, Vice President, Bay Area Council
Nate Miley, Supervisor, Alameda County
Mike Moore, Community Development Director, City of Petaluma/BAPDA
Nancy Nadel, Councilmember, City of Oakland
Bob Nichols, California Teachers Association – Education
Patrick O’Keeffe, Economic Development & Housing Director, City of Emeryville
Mary Piepho, Supervisor, Contra Costa County
R. Sean Randolph, President, Bay Area Economic Forum
Gwen Regalia, Councilmember, City of Walnut Creek
Carol Severin, Director, East Bay Regional Park District
Dianne Spaulding, Executive Director, Non-Profit Housing
Tom Steinbach, Executive Director, Greenbelt Alliance
Mary Warren, Boardmember, RWQCB

STAFF PRESENT

Janet McBride, Planning Director
Suzan Ryder, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER/ INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Mark Green called the meeting to order at 1:10 P.M.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 5, 2005 MEETING:

A quorum was not in attendance. Chair Green's title was noted and corrected.

**4. ORAL REPORTS/COMMENTS:
MEMBERS:**

- Susan Adams announced that the Homelessness Task Force continues to meet. A key legislative issue is to ensure that there is money for housing in whatever infrastructure bond comes forward out of Sacramento.
- Cynthia Murray announced that the work of developing the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) is ongoing. The target is to have a draft plan by the end of this year. She suggests the RPC should receive regular updates and that this be a main agenda item soon.
- Jake Mackenzie announced that March 17-19 the Local Government Commission has its annual spring meeting in Yosemite and will focus on water and land-use. For more information see website at www.lgc.org
- Mark Greene pointed out that there are two open seats for ABAG's appointments to the Regional Airport Planning Committee (RAPC). Information on meeting time, frequency, etc. is contained in the packet. Nominations could be voted on at the March Executive Board meeting. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee, contact ABAG Senior Planner Patricia Perry.

5. MTC's TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT POLICY FOR TRANSIT EXTENSIONS

MTC recently adopted a Resolution 3434 TOD Policy which requires planning for transit oriented development as part of new transit extensions. MTC Senior Planner James Corless reviewed the policy objectives and elements including the establishment of planning thresholds, the approach to corridors and individual station areas within corridors, planning requirements and incentives and timing. Staff offered an update of planning and other implementation efforts currently underway. ABAG will also play a role in providing technical and policy assistance. He also mentioned planned tours and workshops in the regional areas to take a look at the challenges that they hope to understand in the months ahead.

The Committee engaged in detailed discussion about issues about various aspects of the policy and the thresholds, including the appropriate geographic area for the TOD zone and associated research; the relationship of mixed use and retail and other land uses, health issues, public involvement in the planning process, and the importance of transit reliability to make it a viable choice.

Corless offered to get back to RPC with an updated report in July. Chair Green suggested having a pre-meeting before the regular April RPC meeting on a condensed version of what was discussed here today for MTC's consideration in the summer.

6. MTC's STATION AREA RESIDENTS STUDY

Policymakers and practitioners want to know the extent to which smart growth development will impact behavior, especially travel patterns and transit use. MTC's *Station Area Residents Study* shed some light on the issue by looking at travel patterns for people who live near transit. Specifically, the multi-phased study analyzes who is living near rail stations and ferry terminals, as well as why residents choose to live near transit. MTC Associate Transportation Planner/Analyst Rachel Gossen described the research, including overall objectives, study and progress. This is a three-phase study and results are now available for the first phase which is the demographic and travel

profiles Gossen discussed the results and next steps. Committee members followed the presentation with a question and answer session.

7. UPDATE ON THE CALIFORNIA REGIONAL BLUEPRINT PLANNING PROGRAM GRANT.

(Time did not permit presentation. Information will be sent via e-mail by staff.)

8. UPDATE ON STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BONDS

Rachel Weinstein, District Director from Senator Parata's Oakland office, gave an update to the Committee on the status of State infrastructure policy discussions, including Perata/Torlakson's State Bill 1024, the Safe Facilities, Improved Mobility, and Clean Air Bond, developed last year. SB 1024 is a \$10.3 billion General Obligation bond measure focused on infrastructure improvements, but it also including \$975 million for coordinated regional and community planning, \$425 million for affordable housing incentive grants, and \$100 million for environmental enhancement and mitigation programs.

On January 5, the Governor announced his own infrastructure proposal, called the "*Strategic Growth Plan*". The Governor's proposal includes \$68 billion of new state bonds, to be enacted in increments. As of now, the Governor's proposal does not include funding for planning, housing or incentives to support regional and local planning coordination. Committee discussion followed. (Handouts were distributed.)

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Mark Green adjourned the meeting at 3:10 PM

Next meeting date is April 5, 2006.

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