

Regional Planning Committee Summary Minutes

Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter – Auditorium

101 8th Street, Oakland, California

December 3, 2008

Members Present:

Andy Barnes, Policy Chair, Urban Land Institute
Patty Boyle, Bay Area League of Women Voters
Juliet Ellis, Urban Habitat Program
Dan Furtado, Councilmember, City of Campbell
Mark Green, Mayor, City of Union City/Chair of RPC/ABAG Vice President
Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, County of Alameda
John Holtzclaw, Sierra Club
Janet Kennedy, Councilmember, City of Martinez
Andrew Michael, Bay Area Council
Nate Miley, Supervisor, County of Alameda
Mike Moore, BAPDA
Julie Pierce, Vice Mayor, City of Clayton
A. Sepi Richardson, Mayor, City of Brisbane
Mark Ross, Councilmember, City of Martinez
Pixie Hayward Schickele, California Teachers Association
Beth Walukas, Alameda County Congestion Management Agency

Members Absent:

Susan Adams, Supervisor County of Marin
Shiloh Ballard, Silicon Valley Leadership Group
Valerie Brown, Supervisor, County of Sonoma
Jose Cisneros, Treasurer, City and County of San Francisco
Dave Cortese, Vice Mayor, City of San Jose, ABAG Immediate Past President
Diane Dillon, Supervisor, Napa County
Bill Dodd, Supervisor, Napa County
Pat Eklund, Mayor, City of Novato
Rose Jacobs Gibson, Supervisor, County of San Mateo/ABAG President
Federal Glover, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa
Kasie Hildenbrand, Councilmember, City of Dublin
Jennifer Hosterman, Mayor, City of Pleasanton
Lesla McIntosh, Board Member, EBMUD
Nancy Nadel, Councilmember, City of Oakland
Joseph Perkins, HBANC
Harry Price, Mayor, City of Fairfield
Carol Severin, EBRPD Board of Directors
Dianne Spaulding, Nonprofit Housing of Northern California
Jim Sperring, Supervisor, Solano County

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ABAG Staff Present:

Kenneth Kirkey, ABAG Planning Director
Jeanne Perkins, Hazards Consultant
Dayle Farina, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order/Introductions

- Chairperson Green called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM.
- Chairperson Green introduced new RPC Member, Beth Walukas, Alameda County Congestion Management Agency, and provided her background.

2. Public Comment

3. Approval of Minutes for October 1, 2008 Meeting.

It was moved by Committee Member Furtado and Seconded by Committee Hildenbrand Adams that the minutes be approved.

1 correction: Where it states the date of the next meeting at the bottom of the minutes, it states the date of the last meeting. This should reflect today's date.

Minutes of October 1, 2008 were approved as corrected.

4. Oral Reports/Comments

A. Committee Members

1. Committee Member Holtzclaw commented that he agrees with the comments in the last minutes from Committee Member Sperring, that the FOCUS program should include infill projects.
2. Chairperson Green mentioned that he was in attendance at CalCOG earlier in the week. He noted that SB 375 and High Speed Rail were received a lot of visibility at the conference.
3. Committee Member Michael supported Committee Member Holtzclaw's comments.

B. Staff

1. Ken Kirkey, ABAG Planning Director, announced the following events:
 - **SB 375:** MTC and ABAG Staff will be working together over the next several weeks to better understand the issues of SB 375 and will be in a better position to present the issue to the RPC at the February meeting.

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- **Greening Infill Conference** is being held tomorrow at the Federal Building from 9:00 to noon. Committee Members are invited to attend for free.

5. Long Term Disaster Recovery Planning: Forum on Transportation and Lifeline Infrastructure Connections

Mr. Kirkey introduced this workshop as the fifth in the series and announced that ABAG will be hiring a Hazards Specialist to help with the ongoing efforts around this subject. Mr. Kirkey then introduced Jeanne Perkins, Earthquake and Hazards Consultant, who explained the format of the workshop and how the presentations fit together. Ms. Perkins introduced the Infrastructure Provider representatives.

William Cain, East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD)

Lessly Field, Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E)

Jeff Georgevich, Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)

Tracy Johnson, Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART)

Each representative presented gave a general overview of their Agency and its Disaster Recovery Planning Programs.

Chairperson Green asked Mr. Cain (EBMUD) for his definition of “regular exercises”, which he mentioned in his presentation. Mr. Green also asked for explanation of the extent of EBMUD’s involvement with individual cities and their exercises.

Mr. Cain responded that EBMUD performs exercises a minimum of once per year. They also participate in other community events such as Golden Guardian and Silver Sentinel and with cities by request.

Chairperson Green asked Ms. Field (PG&E) to clarify their involvement with the cities’ exercises.

Ms. Field responded that PG&E does work with cities on the gas side with the Fire Departments.

Chairperson Green asked Mr. Georgevich (MTC) to explain which Transit agencies participate in emergency exercises.

Mr. Georgevich responded that there are only 10 transit agencies which have Emergency Operations Centers that they exercise with on an annual basis.

Chairperson Green asked Ms. Johnson (BART) to explain how the recovery would occur and the BART lines that would be back in operation first.

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Ms. Johnson responded that the Transbay Tube is expected to perform very well and the goal is to restore service to the highlighted "core operability zone" areas as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Committee Member Holtzclaw asked Mr. Cain if EBMUD buried emergency tanks, as SF did after the 1906 Earthquake is a standard practice.

Mr. Cain responded that EBMUD does not use this method to access emergency water. They have seismically retrofit their above-ground reservoirs to survive a large earthquake on all faults, which would affect their service areas.

Committee Member Richardson stated that he would like these Infrastructure Providers to take this show on the road to the cities in which they provide service. Ms. Richardson also asked, of all presenters, how current their plans and supplies are.

Mr. Cain responded the EBMUD is working with the Cities in their service area to develop partnerships to determine the best way to manage water available. EBMUD is willing to participate in running exercises with individual cities, however, they feel that working through larger organizations, such as Silver Sentinel, is a more effective way to exercise the plans.

Ms. Perkins asked the presenters to speak to the *long-term* recovery plan.

Mr. Georgevich responded that it will take 90 days (minimum) to restore use of the bridges. MTC does not expect BART to be fully operational in 90 days. Airports will have damage as they tend to be in areas of bay fill. MTC assumes that there will be one airport and one major port operational. This is all dependent on money available and priorities set.

Committee Member Ross asked if any of the agencies thought about transporting bicycles to locations where cars could not get through, in order for their emergency teams to provide service.

Mr. Cain responded that they have employees strategically placed around the bay area so that this type of transportation need does not exist in their current plan.

Committee Member Severin asked if cities and agencies are supposed to set aside monies for retired people. Should we have reserves in place for the cost of recovery?

Ms. Field mentioned that New Orleans has an organization for just this purpose which was helpful after Katrina. City and County of San Francisco is trying to develop their own recovery plan called Phoenix 2.

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Committee Member Pierce commented that it would have been helpful to get copies of the PowerPoint presentations on which to make notes. Ms. Pierce supported Committee Member Richardson's idea of taking the show on the road. Ms. Pierce suggested that regional Mayor's Conferences could be utilized for this.

Committee Member Ellis asked to hear what the communications and media strategies are and how those resources will be utilized to convey transportation alternatives to the public following a disaster in the area.

Mr. Cain responded that during an emergency the NIMS and SIMS process is required to be observed by all Governmental Agencies. EBMUD has an aggressive public affairs program to handle this.

Mr. Georgevich said that MTC is trying to set-up transportation joint information center with all the transit agencies operated out of the Regional EOC. They've also updated the 511 center.

Committee Member Furtado asked if the presenters see themselves communicating, from an official point of view, primarily with the Emergency Operations Centers (county level).

Ms. Field responded affirmatively and added that PG&E also had strong ties to the media and messages to the media will be automatically available to the media.

Mr. Kirkey closed with the following comments:

- We will get the presentations up on the website and will try and get the presentations available to committee members prior to the meetings.
- Local Hazards Mitigation Plans Survey might be a good opportunity when we do some outreach to Mayors and Councilmember groups in the region to coordinate these efforts and do them simultaneously.
- Jeff's presentation brought to the surface that in preparing the RPC as a regional recovery planning body, we need to define a strategy for communications and first actions after a major event.

6. Ballpark Village Specific Plan – Notice of Preparation, Draft Environmental Impact Report.

Mr. Kirkey presented information related to the City of Fremont's request for input on the Ballpark Village Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). Mr. Kirkey explained that in the NOP it states that there is an alternate offsite location for the ballpark adjacent to the future site of the Warm Springs BART Station. Mr. Kirkey stated that staff was seeking endorsement from the RPC for consideration of Warm Springs and BART-accessible locations in Fremont as alternative offsite locations.

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Committee Member Haggerty stated that he would like to see the RPC endorse the Warm Springs site and would like that noted in our comments.

Keith Wolf representing the Athletic's highlighted that the NOP has been released and stated that the organization is taking the alternative site considerations very seriously and are very open to an alternative plan.

Committee Member Haggerty motioned that the RPC endorse the three principles outlined in the Staff Report and also endorse the selection of the Warm Springs Station site as the location for the A's based upon those principles.

It was seconded simultaneously by Committee Members Richardson and Ross.

Committee Member Walukas commented that the Alameda County CMA is very much in favor of building the stadium near a transit station, especially during this time of expansion for BART. She stated that now is the time to work with BART in developing the design to accommodate that.

ADJOURN:

Chair Green adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m. The next meeting is on February 4, 2009.

Submitted by:

Dayle Farina

Administrative Assistant