

## Regional Planning Committee Summary Minutes

Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter – Auditorium

101 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland, California

February 4, 2009

### **Members Present:**

Susan Adams, Supervisor County of Marin  
Shiloh Ballard, Silicon Valley Leadership Group  
Andy Barnes, Policy Chair, Urban Land Institute  
Patty Boyle, Bay Area League of Women Voters  
Diane Dillon, Supervisor, Napa County  
Dan Furtado, Councilmember, City of Campbell  
Rose Jacobs Gibson, Supervisor, County of San Mateo/ABAG President  
Federal Glover, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa  
Mark Green, Mayor, City of Union City/Chair of RPC/ABAG Vice President  
Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, County of Alameda  
John Holtzclaw, Sierra Club  
Jennifer Hosterman, Mayor, City of Pleasanton  
Janet Kennedy, Councilmember, City of Martinez  
Nate Miley, Supervisor, County of Alameda  
Mike Moore, BAPDA  
Nancy Nadel, Councilmember, City of Oakland  
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  
Carol Severin, EBRPD Board of Directors  
Beth Walukas, Alameda County Congestion Management Agency

### **Members Absent:**

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  
Bill Dodd, Supervisor, Napa County  
Pat Eklund, Mayor, City of Novato  
Juliet Ellis, Urban Habitat Program  
Kasie Hildenbrand, Councilmember, City of Dublin  
Lesa McIntosh, Board Member, EBMUD  
Andrew Michael, Bay Area Council  
Joseph Perkins, HBANC  
Harry Price, Mayor, City of Fairfield  
Dianne Spaulding, Nonprofit Housing of Northern California  
Jim Spering, Supervisor, Solano County

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### **ABAG Staff Present:**

Kenneth Kirkey, ABAG Planning Director  
Paul Fassinger, ABAG Research Director  
Ted Droettboom, Staff Director, Joint Policy Committee  
Christy Riviere, Principal Planner  
Dayle Farina, Administrative Assistant

### **1. Call to Order/Introductions**

- Chairperson Green called the meeting to order at 1:13 PM.

### **2. Public Comment**

### **3. Approval of Minutes for December 3, 2008 Meeting.**

It was moved by Committee Member Haggerty and Seconded by Committee Holtclaw that the minutes be approved.

Minutes of December 3, 2008 were approved as read.

Note: Carol Severin phoned after the meeting to state that the minutes do not reflect her attendance at the October meeting, but, that she did attend.

### **4. Oral Reports/Comments**

#### **A. Committee Members**

#### **B. Staff**

1. Ken Kirkey, ABAG Planning Director, announced the following events:
  - **Recovery Planning Workshops** will resume to cover Public Health (beyond hospitals); Education; Land Use Changes. Dates are forthcoming.
  - **FOCUS Forum Series** is continuing. Forums are held at the Port of San Francisco, next to the Ferry Building. Coming Events: Next week – Childcare in Our Communities; In April – Cities and Schools in Urban Areas; In July Health in Urban Areas.
  - **Best Practices Conference Series.** Next conference is FOCUS on Community Engagement. This is being held in the South Bay on Friday March 6.

### **5. Projections 2009 – Performance of Land Use Alternatives - Information**

Paul Fassinger, ABAG Research Director and Christy Riviere, ABAG Principal Planner presented information and sought input on two development scenarios and related policy considerations in advance of adoption of Projections 2009.

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Chair Green expressed concern about the employment projections.

Mr. Fassinger provided an overview of the process that was utilized to gather information from local jurisdictions.

Committee Member Ballard commented on forecast growth and projected build out in the cities.

Mr. Fassinger explained that there are trade offs, specifically that in San Francisco forecasted growth is related almost entirely to redevelopment not new greenfield development.

Committee Member Adams commented that the population numbers for Marin County did not appear to be accurate.

Mr. Fassinger explained that these numbers came from sphere of influence numbers not the current city jurisdictional boundaries and responded that the numbers will be checked for accuracy.

Committee Member Holtzclaw expanded on Ms. Ballard's comment on build out, stating that in the 70s San Francisco was built out to capacity. Since then 50,000 more households have been added.

Committee Member Haggerty questioned staff regarding how growth measures were considered.

Mr. Fassinger stated that plans and policies that impact development capacity, however enacted, were considered in the forecast.

### **6. SB375 – Draft Policies for the Bay Area's Implementation of Senate Bill 375**

Ted Droettboom, Regional Planning Program Director, Joint Policy Committee (JPC) presented information and sought input on the DRAFT policy recommendations developed by regional agency staff pertaining to the implementation of SB375 in the Bay Area in advance of the JPC's consideration of the recommendations.

#### Targets

Chair Green asked when and how the regional agencies would be able to get involved in the regional targets development process.

Mr. Droettboom described the state-level Regional Targets Advisory Committee (RTAC) and the role of the RTAC in developing targets for the state's regions, including the Bay Area.

#### Models

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Committee Member Adams asked about the role of models in the development of SB375 plans.

Mr. Droettboom described the efforts of ABAG and MTC to improve the agencies' modeling capacity and synchronization.

Committee Member Pierce expressed concern regarding the level of confidence in the regional agencies models on the part of constituents. Ms. Pierce expressed interest in getting the models prepared in more "plain english" terms.

Committee Member Walukas commented about concern on the part of local jurisdictions and CMAs regarding making sure that modeling assumptions at the county and local level are consistent with regional agency modeling work. Ms. Walukas recommended that MTC's Model Formation Working Group be re-established with monthly meetings.

Mr. Kirkey responded that regional staff recognizes that the CMAs are a critical component of an inclusive process for SB385 and that the input of the CMAs on a number of fronts was critical.

### Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS)

Committee Member Miley asked Mr. Droettboom to identify the stakeholders that are envisioned.

Mr. Droettboom stated to be successful the development of SB375 would have to be very inclusive and cut across a broad range of sectors including local elected officials, CMAs and environmental, economic and equity interests.

Committee Member Walukas suggested that the process be defined.

Committee Member Moore mentioned that the Bay Area Planning Directors Association (BAPDA) will be discussing SB375 at their General Meeting on April 3.

Committee Member Nadel expressed concern over whether this issue is being presented properly to the constituents.

Committee Member Ballard asked for a simple definition of an SCS and how it will be developed.

Mr. Droettboom replied, "An SCS is a comprehensive land use and transportation plan developed broadly across the entire bay area community."

### RHNA / RTP / SCS

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Committee Member Kennedy asked if we will be able to address the Foreclosure Issue in the next RHNA process.

Mr. Kirkey responded that this will be part of the discussion. Ms. Riviere added that when the state determines its regional need it looks at existing units as well as vacancy rate.

Committee Member Pierce commented that the methodology for the current RHNA cycle does not appear to be that different, than what would be appropriate under SB375, and asked if she is on the right track.

Ms. Riviere stated that the current RHNA allocation is based upon a smart growth methodology that directs allocations toward infill area served by transit, an approach that is in keeping with the purpose of SN375 to reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT). She further explained that the current allocation is based upon Projections 2007 and that there needs to be a level of consistency within the SCS with the next RHNA cycle and related forecast.

Committee Member Adams inquired about the relationship between the SCS and the RHNA.

Mr. Droettboom replied that the RHNA is a key component of the SCS.

### CEQA Relief

Committee Member Adams also commented that we need to be proactive and involved on determining CEQA relief and expressed some concern regarding any approach that would weaken environmental regulations.

Mr. Droettboom explained that the approach to CEQA like other aspects of SB375 had yet to begin, but would commence soon and would involve local jurisdictions.

Chair Green noted that the RPC would be involved going forward in SB375 as the process evolves.

### **ADJOURN:**

Chair Green adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m. The next meeting is on April 1, 2009.

Submitted by:

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