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Transportation Committee Meeting

Monday, December 12, 2011
9:30 a.m.

Beverly Hills City Hall
Conference Room A, 4th Floor
455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

AGENDA

I. Call to Order and Self Introductions

II. Board Vision Discussion

The Board agreed that a Vision Statement to guide its efforts might be helpful. There was also discussion regarding new ideas for collaboration and cooperation, and branding. The Board noted the importance of mobility to the region. It is proposed that an ad hoc committee, composed of TAC members and other staff, will work towards developing recommendations to the Board at its January meeting. Input from this Committee is vital to this effort. If you believe that other staff should be included in this discussion, please invite and advise me so that we can ensure adequate space and parking.

III. COG Bicycle Sharing Discussion

The Board approved consideration of the feasibility of a COG Bicycle Sharing program, either including all or some of the member jurisdictions. Santa Monica staff has volunteered to help by being lead in moving this study forward to ensure the development of timely recommendations for the Board. It is recommended that the ad hoc team include members of the Transportation Committee and the Sustainability Committee. These programs have been very successful in other cities in the United States and abroad.

IV. Westside Cities Council of Governments Bicycle Planning Update

The Ad Hoc Bicycle Coordination Plan Committee met with the advocates on December 7, 2011 to review staff's recommended gap closure prioritization. Staff's recommendation is to reduce the twenty gap closures recommended by the advocates to five, which would create an infrastructure "backbone." Primary considerations in staff's analysis were connectivity (through the largest number of COG member jurisdictions), feasibility/attainability (priority on existing jurisdictions' bike plans and grant opportunities). Although not recommended by the advocates, staff included the Expo line in the recommended gap closures as it would increase transportation mode split. Staff was also conscious of maintenance and safety issues. The advocates were very supportive of staff's recommendations and were pleased with the addition of the Expo line. Staff will meet with staff of Los Angeles on December 8, 2011 for further discussion.

V. Work Program Evaluation

This item was continued by the COG Board at the November Board meeting, to be included in the development of its visioning over the upcoming months. Discussion at the Board meeting included how mobility and land use interface and impact the economy and how to ensure that our sub-region's transit projects remain on schedule and are successful. It is recommended that, when revisiting the Work Program, the following issues and questions be considered in keeping with the Board's interest in the development of a guiding vision statement.

Medium Term: what do we need to do to prepare for the arrival of our "mega-transit" projects, Expo and Subway? How will our commuters get to/from the rail and to/from rail to their work/homes, the so called "last mile?" Policies supporting strategies such as bike and car sharing have worked in Washington, D.C., Vancouver and other places, although proven success has taken decades. What can we learn from the experiences and best practices of

other cities to be preparing for the success of our transit projects in terms of years rather than decades?

Long Term: It was also noted that other COGs are developing proposals for future mobility connectivity and that, for long term planning, we should also be developing strategic alliances and a vision for future mobility connectivity. What is our long term vision for future transit projects? How will we position ourselves to benefit most from the Green Line, the Crenshaw Line, the Regional Connector and the planning for the Sepulveda Pass transit project? How do we best position ourselves in the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and benefit from the Sustainable Communities Strategies? The current Draft RTP is being released this month and is the first to be required to meet SB375's requirements to reduce per capita greenhouse gas emissions region-wide. There will be twelve public hearings scheduled to begin in December and continuing through April 2012.

There will be an RTP Call for Projects in July 2012. How can (should?) we work with the COG's land use planning team and Sustainability Committee to develop applications for funding proposals for our bicycle programming and other projects that may fall within the funding parameters?

Included in the packet is the existing approved Work Program, the Work Program revisions from the October 10, 2011 meeting and a "redline" for comparison purposes.

VI. Receive and File

Draft Meeting Notes from October 10, 2011

VII. Announcements and Future Meetings and Possible Agenda Items

Green Line to LAX - Metro staff
Regional Transportation Plan - SCAG staff
Bicycle Sharing - Metro staff

VIII. Public Comment RE Items Not On the Agenda

IX. Adjournment

Next Meeting: February 13, 2012 at 9:30 AM, Beverly Hills City Hall

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