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TRANSIT TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 23, 2008
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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TRANSIT TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

"Any item listed on the agenda (action or information) may be acted upon at the discretion of the Committee".

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS** — **Stephen Fox, Chair**

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

   Members of the public desiring to speak on an agenda item or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Committee, must fill out and present a speaker's card to the assistant prior to speaking. A speaker's card must be turned in before the meeting is called to order. Comments will be limited to three minutes. The chair may limit the total time for all comments to twenty (20) minutes.

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

   3.1 Approval Items

   3.1.1 Minutes of the January 30, 2008 Meeting
   Attachment

4. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

4.1 Legislative Update	**Jeffrey Dunn, SCAG**	**10 min.**
4.2 El Monte Transit Village	**Eugene Moy, City of El Monte Community Redevelopment Agency**	**20 min.**
4.3 Rebranding of Gold Coast Transit	**Steven Brown, Gold Coast Transit**	**20 min.**
4.4 RTP Update	**Ryan Kuo, SCAG**	**15 min.**
4.5 JARC/New Freedom Update & OWP Update	**Bob Huddy, SCAG**	**5 min.**
4.6 Transit Summit Summary	**André Darmanin, SCAG**	**5 min.**
4.7 Charter Steering Committee	**Stephen Fox, Metro & André Darmanin, SCAG**	**5 min.**

5. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

6. **NEXT MEETING**

   The next meeting of the Transit Technical Advisory Committee will be held at the SCAG offices on Wednesday, May 21, 2008.

Transit Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
of the
Southern California Association of Governments

January 30, 2008

Minutes

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSIT TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC). AUDIOCASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Transit Technical Advisory Committee held its meeting at SCAG's office in downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by Stephen Fox, Chair.

Members Present:

Stephen Fox, Chair	Metro
Lori Abrishami	Metro – Long Range Planning
Vic Kamhi	VCTC
Jacob K. Mathew	Caltrans
Dain Pankratz	CPUC
Anthony Loui	Metro
Tay Chor	City of Montebello
Ken Coleman	Metro

Video & Tele Conference:

Kevin Kane	Victor Valley Transit Authority
Mike Bair	SANBAG
Beth Kranda	SANBAG
Mike McCoy	RCTC
Kathy Williams	IVAG
Michelle Marino	IVAG

SCAG Staff:

André Darmanin	Bob Huddy
Ryan Kuo	

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Stephen Fox, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approval Item

3.1.1 Minutes of the September 26, 2007 Meeting

Motion was made to approve this item. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Discussion on Metro's 511 Project

Ken Coleman, Metro, gave a brief presentation on Metro's 511 Program. The 511 program is part of the Motorist Aid and Traveler Information System (MATIS). MATIS consists of a call center which operates 24 hours 7 days a week and will handle 511 operator assisted calls, call box calls, and Metro FSP fleet monitoring for Metro's tow trucks.

The 511 traveler information system will be an intelligent voice response system which will provide information regarding freeway, transit, rideshare, airport, general emergency and other traveler-related information. This program is targeted for deployment in mid-2008 and will ensure Los Angeles complies with section 5306 of SAFETEA-LU.

Deployment of the system will be done in stages with the baseline system to be operational within 6 months from contract award. Baseline will provide minimal information such as traffic information, incidents, congestion, travel time, travel speeds, transit information, and route planning assistance. Future enhancements will then be added to the baseline service.

Bob Huddy, SCAG, asked what the transition plan is for the 1-800-Commute which has been an enormously successful program and is on 511 on cell phones. Mr. Coleman stated that this program remains under discussion.

4.2 Westside Extension Transit Corridor Study

Anthony Loui, Metro, presented on Metro's Westside Extension Transfer Quarter Study which began last fall and is an alternatives analysis study. No further action is being taken on this study until further guidance from Metro's board. The board requested that staff initiate this study as part of several transit initiatives that the board approved last year.

Mr. Loui provided members with an overview of the study which included the Westside geographic study areas, employment density configurations, population growth and transit needs. Mr. Loui stated that the Westside corridor has been left out of the expanding Metro system. He added that the Westside area is extremely lacking in expansion of fixed guideway transit due to this, the board authorized a restart of these studies in July 2007.

Members also discussed the extensive public outreach that was done for this study. Metro received a total of 484 scoping comments. The majority of comments supported the needs for transit improvements in the Westside extension corridor. Limited support and opposition was voiced for aerial monorail and light rail transport.

Bob Huddy, SCAG, mentioned that the study was included in SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan however, due to current financial assumptions the La Cienega project has not been included.

4.3 RTP Update & Comment Period

Ryan Kuo, SCAG, updated members on the release of SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Mr. Kuo stated that copies of the RTP have been distributed to local libraries, stakeholders, CTC's, and any member of the public who has requested a copy.

To date, two public hearings have been held and about 20 comments have been received. Staff expects additional comments to be received as the deadline approaches which is Tuesday, February 19th. Final adoption is expected to take place at the next Transportation & Communications Committee meeting which is scheduled for April 3rd.

4.4 2008-09 OWP

Bob Huddy, SCAG, provided members with an update on the OWP. Mr. Huddy stated that the budget is currently in the refinement process and staff is working to identify the core requirements. Additionally, a preliminary report will be available for the Regional Council and Administration Committee meetings next month.

4.5 Regional Transit Summit Update

André Darmanin, SCAG, updated members on the upcoming Regional Transit Summit. Mr. Darmanin announced that the updated agenda would be made available on SCAG's website within the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Darmanin encouraged members to attend and register or sponsor the summit.

5.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Fox announced Metro's implementation of the Rapid Express service which is on the Wilshire corridor and runs between Wilshire Red Line station and Santa Monica. The Rapid Express has limited stops and is part of a pilot project which runs during peak periods and is about fifteen percent faster.

6.0 NEXT MEETING

Stephen Fox, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 11:23 a.m. The next meeting of the Transit Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, 2008.