



Joint Policy Committee

Minutes of the Meeting of January 20, 2006 Held at 10:00 AM in the MetroCenter Auditorium, Oakland

Attendance:

ABAG Members:

Jane Brunner
Mark Green
Scott Haggerty
Rose Jacobs Gibson
Gwen Regalia

BAAQMD Members:

Chris Daly
Mark DeSaulnier
Jerry Hill
Michael Shimansky
Pamela Torliatt
Gayle Uilkema

MTC Members:

Bill Dodd
Sue Lempert
John McLemore
Jon Rubin, Ch.
Shelia Young

ABAG Staff:

Gillian Adams
Paul Fassinger
Henry Gardner
Pat Jones
Kenneth Moy
Hing Wong

BAAQMD Staff:

Jack Broadbent
Jean Roggenkamp

MTC Staff:

Jeff Georgevich
Frank Harris
Therese McMillan

Other:

Ratna Amin, City of Oakland
Moira Birss, Housing Leadership Council
Eloise Bodine, Bay Area Monitor
Stuart Cohen, TALC
Jean Finney, Caltrans, District 4
Steve Lowe, WOCA
Kate O'Hara, Greenbelt Alliance
David Schonbrunn, TRANSDEF
Peter Lydon, SPUR

JPC Staff:

Ted Droettboom

1. Call to Order

Chair Rubin called the meeting to order. Members introduced themselves. Two new members, Mr. Hill and Mr. Shimansky, were welcomed.

2. Approval of Joint Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of November 23, 2005

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Principles for Emergency Management Legislation

MTC's Jeff Georgevich spoke to the principles, which were developed jointly by ABAG and MTC staff as part of the coordination effort prompted by SB 849. Noting that there will likely be both federal and state legislation proposed in response to the recent spate of natural disasters, Mr. Georgevich observed that there was potential for the Bay Area to exercise a leadership role and to get legislation which responded to the needs and experience of this area. He reminded the Committee that the national incident management system was modeled after that developed in California.

In discussion, members observed that catastrophes may also unfold slowly. These will not be emergencies in the traditional sense, but will still require an aggressive and coordinated response. An avian flu pandemic was cited as an example. Developing a capability to respond to all hazards was an imperative. The need to communicate emergency response information in multiple languages was also noted.

After amending the first sentence of the first principle to read, "At the federal, state, *regional* and local levels of government, responsibility, authority, and funding for comprehensive Emergency Management for all hazards, including homeland security, should be vested in a single entity in the executive branch," (amendment in *italics*), the Committee endorsed the Policy Principles.

4. Regional Blueprint Planning Program

Ted Droettboom reported that the State has awarded ABAG and MTC a grant to pursue a program for implementing and refining the region's vision. He summarized the time lines for completing this work.

Discussion highlighted:

- The need to meet with city managers on the program;
- The need for greater congruency between the regional vision and the RHNA process. RHNA should not be pursuing housing in locations (e.g., agricultural lands) that the vision strives to protect;
- The need for incentives to encourage regionally appropriate housing development;
- The need to engage the local-government electeds who are not connected to current regional discussions. (JPC members and

regional commissioners and board members should report back more to their colleagues on what is happening at the region)

- The need to provide a strong rationale and persuasive documentation for the direction we are pursuing;
- The need to develop a tool box to assist local implementation;
- The need to tie what we are doing to initiatives at the state to pursue strategic growth planning and to ensure those initiatives support what we are trying to do in this region.

A Committee member also requested to see the budget for the proposed Blueprint work. A summary budget, revised from the grant application to respond to the temporal distribution of funding and BTH requirements, is attached to these minutes.

5. State Initiatives Affecting Regional Transportation and Land-use Planning

MTC Deputy Executive Director, Therese McMillan, presented a comparison of two alternative infrastructure bond proposals currently being considered in Sacramento: Perata and Torlakson's SB 1024 and Governor Schwarzenegger's Strategic Growth Plan. Ms. McMillan identified as key concerns: the preservation of support for coordinated land-use and transportation planning, support for goods movement improvements which recognized the needs of the Bay Area (particularly relative to the environment) as well as those in Southern California, continuation of a programmatic approach to transportation funding as opposed to a list of projects identified by the state.

Committee members identified as additional concerns: continued support for high-speed rail, the need for new tax revenues to support transportation improvements without unduly burdening future generations, recognition and rewards for local self-help funding programs (These programs should be regarded as complements, not alternatives, to state funding.).

The Committee requested that a letter be drafted expressing its concerns to the Governor and Legislature.

6. Urban Growth Boundaries and Urban Limit Lines

ABAG Regional Planner, Hing Wong, presented a survey of growth boundaries, limit lines, and protection areas across the region. His presentation is available on the JPC website.

It discussion, it was observed that urban limit lines need to be accompanied by an intensification of the development within the limits. Otherwise development will leapfrog into surrounding areas, exacerbating the consumption of agricultural and environmentally sensitive land for urban development and adding to vehicle miles traveled and congestion on major inter-regional routes. As well, counties surrounding the Bay Area may need to adopt limit lines in order to contain future development to existing urban areas.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment aside from that directed at specific agenda items and incorporated in the discussion summary for those items.

9. Adjournment

ABAG-MTC Blueprint Planning Program
Summary Budget

	FY 05-06	FY 06-07
Kick-off Meetings	\$80,000	
County-Wide Staff Meetings	60,000	
Regional Tech. Advisory Committees	65,000	\$100,000
Regional Conference		75,000
Newsletter	25,000	50,000
Collect Policy-based Data	155,000	
Analysis plan and GIS Layers	115,000	
Prepare Outreach Plan	50,000	
Develop Photo-realistic examples	75,000	
Draft Development Priority Areas (analysis)		150,000
Negotiate Draft Development Priority Areas*		200,000
Regional Adoption		50,000
TOTAL	625,000	625,000

*includes outreach