



Joint Policy Committee

Minutes of the Meeting of November 23, 2005 Held at 10:00 AM in the MetroCenter Auditorium, Oakland

Attendance:

ABAG Members:

Jane Brunner
Mark Green
Scott Haggerty, Ch.
Rose Jacobs Gibson
Steve Rabinowitsh
Gwen Regalia

BAAQMD Members:

Chris Daly
Mark DeSaulnier
Pamela Torliatt
Marland Townsend
Gayle Uilkema

MTC Members:

Bill Dodd
Sue Lempert
John McLemore
Jon Rubin
Shelia Young

ABAG Staff:

Gillian Adams
Henry Gardner
Pat Jones
Janet McBride
Kenneth Moy

BAAQMD Staff:

Suzanne Bourginon
Jack Broadbent
Henry Hilken
Jean Roggenkamp
Dave Vintze

MTC Staff:

Betty Cecchini
Steve Heminger
Therese McMillan

Other:

Amber Baer, UC Berkeley
Eloise Bodine, Bay Area Monitor
Wade Green, Caltrans, District 4
Rich Hedges, MTC Advisory Council
Brandon Kluzniak, UC Berkeley
Bartomies Krol, UC Berkeley
Steve Lowe, WOCA
Peter Lydon, SPUR
Jumin Song, UCTC

JPC Staff:

Ted Droettboom

1. Call to Order

Chair Haggerty called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Joint Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2005

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Regional Ozone Strategy

With the aid of a slide presentation, Henry Hilken, the Air District's Director of Planning and Research, summarized the Bay Area 2005 Ozone

Strategy and its relationship to the JPC's interests. A copy of Mr. Hilken's PowerPoint presentation is available on the JPC website: www.abag.ca.gov/jointpolicy/jpc_presentations.

After noting that a moderate change in fleet fuel efficiency would obviate the need for many of the measures in the strategy, the Joint Policy Committee endorsed the draft Bay Area 2005 Ozone Strategy.

4. The Role of JPC Members in Implementing and Refining the Regional Vision

Ted Droettboom gave a short slide show outlining the planned initial outreach approach for implementing and refining the regional vision ("Vision into Reality"). A copy of the slides is available on the JPC website: www.abag.ca.gov/jointpolicy/jpc_presentations.

JPC members indicated their interest in taking on an active "present and advocate" role in the outreach program, noting that this did not preclude acting in "advise and consent" and "convene and host" roles as well. They also suggested it would be beneficial for members to attend meetings in counties other than their own to lend support to their colleagues, to show region-wide interest in and support for the vision, and to learn about issues and concerns across the Bay Area.

In discussion members emphasized the need for vision implementation to:

- Recognize the value of agricultural, industrial, and distribution land and to protect that land for future generations;
- Provide specific, real and local examples so communities can see in a tangible way how vision implementation could benefit them and mitigate their concerns (i.e., there needs to be a payoff for existing communities and existing residents);
- Illustrate the economic benefits of the vision;
- Provide effective incentives;
- Overcome suspicion and animosity generated by the RHNA process and misunderstanding of the region's role in the process;
- Provide a clear definition of smart growth and a clear rationale for planning together as a region;
- Deal specifically with congestion and level-of-service concerns;

- Deal creatively with the conflict between the desire for long-term certainty (e.g., ten and twenty year plans) and the need for flexibility to deal with changing circumstances;
- Respect CEQA and other local planning processes that communities value.

Members believed that the program needed to proceed with urgency and were concerned about a program taking as long as eighteen months to two years. Public comment also identified a concern with timing and potentially missed opportunities. A report on timing was requested for the next JPC meeting.

It was suggested that, in addition to local elected and appointed officials, the outreach program needed to involve builders, non-profits, chambers of commerce, school districts, special-purpose districts, environmental groups and labor.

5. JPC Membership

After discussion, the Committee decided to maintain the current number and distribution of members (twenty-one in total, seven from each agency) and to continue to rotate the chair annually among the three agencies. The member next in line to chair will serve the prior year as vice chair. This means that for 2006, the JPC will be chaired by the MTC Chair and the JPC Vice Chair will be the Chair of the Air District. There will be no change in quorum rules.

6. Transit-Oriented Development and Travel Behavior

MTC's Rachel Gossen presented her analysis of how distance to transit nodes affected trip mode choices. A copy of Ms. Gossen's presentation is on the JPC website: www.abag.ca.gov/jointpolicy/jpc_presentations. The JPC expressed an interest in receiving Ms. Gossen's full report and in seeing future follow-up analyses. The clear link to parking requirements was observed.

7. 2006 Meeting Schedule

The schedule was received for information.

8. Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Public Comment

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

10. Adjournment