

Planning Advisory Committee

MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, March 17, 2015, 9:30 a.m.

Sonoma County Transportation Authority

SCTA Large Conference Room

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ITEM

1. Introductions
 2. Public Comment
 3. Administrative
 - 3.1. Approval of the agenda – changes, additional discussion items- ACTION
 - 3.2. Review Meeting Notes from February 18, 2016* – ACTION
 4. Round table members discussion
 5. Homelessness Toolbox – Sonoma County presentation
 6. Medical Marijuana regulations questionnaire* -continued discussion from February - Amy Lyle, Sonoma County Permit & Resource Mgt. Dept.
 7. Moving Forward 2040 – SCTAs Comprehensive Transportation Plan update – land use sections to be sent for review.
 8. Other Business /Next agenda
 9. Adjourn
- *Attachment

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The next **Planning Directors/PAC** meeting will be held **April 21, 2016**

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PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Meeting Notes of February 18, 2016

ITEM

1. Introductions

Meeting called to order at 9:36 a.m. by Janet Spilman.

Committee Members: Kim Jordan, Town of Windsor; Lisa Kranz, City of Santa Rosa; Amy Lyle, Sonoma County PRMD.

Guests: Stephanie Hom, MTC

Staff: Brant Arthur, Chris Barney, Nina Donofrio, Janet Spilman, Dana Turr y.

2. Public Comment

N/A

3. Administrative

- 3.1. Approval of the agenda – changes, additional discussion items- ACTION

Approved as submitted.

- 3.2. Review Meeting Notes from Dec 10, 2015* – ACTION

Approved as submitted.

- 3.3. Notice of Officer elections – to be held at the first meeting of the year

Ms. Spilman opened discussion regarding the most appropriate/practical formation for the Committee. Lisa Kranz expressed that she did not feel it was appropriate for her to continue as Chair, as she is not a Planning Director.

Ms. Spilman emphasized that the Committee is intended to be a resource and support for jurisdictions in planning, and that if it is not practical to do so, formal election of officers is not mandatory.

Ms. Spilman recommended that the Committee be referred to as “Planning Advisory Committee” rather than “Planning Directors/Planning Advisory Committee,” reflecting its advisory nature. She noted that this could remain open for re-evaluation going forward.

It was determined that Ms. Kranz would continue as “acting” Chair.

4. Round table members discussion

City of Santa Rosa:

Lisa Kranz reported on the Plan Bay Area presentation at the recent City Council meeting.

The fourth and final workshop for the Roseland Specific Plan will be taking place on this date. Ms. Kranz summarized activities in connection with economic and housing development for this project.

The Southeast Greenway project is proceeding, with the release of a Request for Proposals.

Sonoma County PRMD:

Jennifer Barrett reported on controversy regarding wineries and events associated with their activities; vacation rental and zoning issues.

Ms. Barrett next addressed activities in connection with expanding community separators. She explained that “community separator” is a term designating an area that is intended remain relatively open and rural in nature. Staff will be hosting a public workshop. Significant comment has been received from jurisdictions on this issue.

Planning around the Airport area is ongoing, particularly activity related to water issues.



Significant activity has also been taking place regarding medical marijuana cultivation and sales (this will be addressed later in this agenda).

Staff is currently working on a grant to study sea level rise, particularly in the Bodega Bay area.

Town of Windsor:

Kim Jordan noted that staff is looking into medical marijuana and vacation rentals. She expressed her appreciation for the efforts of PRMD staff in implementing the medical marijuana questionnaire.

Ms. Jordan added that Toni Bertolero is currently the acting Planning Director, and that they are short staffed.

RCPA/Climate Action 2020:

Brant Arthur reported on electric vehicle activities. He invited Committee members to share any information they may have regarding EVs, including charging stations, etc. and noted that this could be addressed as a future agenda item.

Mr. Arthur announced that a CEC grant is available for EV charging stations along north Highway 101.

Discussion followed regarding possible sites for EV charging stations and the infrastructure to accommodate these.

Ms. Spilman distributed information regarding the California Road Charge Pilot Program.

MTC:

Stephanie Hom addressed the potential merger of MTC and ABAG. Discussions have been ongoing and a study is expected to be released in June or July. She noted that this has essentially been the result of Plan Bay Area.

Discussion followed regarding the responsibilities and specific activities and programs for these respective agencies.

The relocation of MTC and ABAG is delayed due to electrical issues, which delayed issuing of the permit. This had originally been scheduled to take place in March.

Plan Bay Area activities are ongoing. Ms. Hom did not have new information regarding the

displacement discussion. Ms. Spilman addressed the impact of this issue on transportation funding.

Further discussion addressed the challenge in developing policy on displacement, and reframing the funding for transportation, which has raised socioeconomic and equity issues.

5. Senate Bill 743 – CEQA, Alternatives to LOS in Transportation Analysis, Feb. 2016 Update*

Chris Barney reported on the removal of Level of Service to the CEQA process. He summarized recent changes made to the draft document. These generally involve transit-related projects, road rehabilitation projects, and bicycle and pedestrian projects. Certain small development projects impacting trip generation are also included. A webinar is scheduled February 22, and previously recorded webinars are also available for viewing.

Additional discussion involved VMT calculation, commutes, analysis, and planning documents.

Comments on the draft document can be submitted up to February 29, 2016.

Senate Bill 743 is likely to go into effect in late 2016 or early 2016; there will be a two-year “opt-in” clause. Mr. Barney noted that the Office of Planning and has emphasized that lead agencies have discretion and flexibility in these policies.

6. Regional Update – MTC/ABAG merger, facilitated discussion on Feb 25 at 1:30 with the TAC Ms. Spilman distributed the draft scenarios for Plan Bay Area, noting the need for further information in order to make decisions.

Ms. Spilman referred to the three alternative scenarios provided by MTC, with special attention to Alternative #2. Ms. Hom confirmed that Alternative #2 was adopted.

Ms. Spilman noted that the merger discussion has been led by a consultant and that staff has scheduled a meeting that will include the TAC, City Managers, and Planning Directors. Discussion followed regarding the roles and responsibilities of the respective agencies, and their relationship to each other and with local jurisdictions.

7. Medical Marijuana regulations questionnaire* -Amy Lyle, Sonoma County Permit & Resource Mgt. Dept.

This item was tabled to a future meeting, with another survey to be conducted. Ms. Kranz did note that a draft ordinance has been presented to Santa Rosa City Council.

8. Moving Forward 2040 – SCTAs Comprehensive Transportation Plan update
Ms. Spilman had nothing new to report.

9. Other Business /Next agenda
N/A

10. Adjourn
11:13 a.m.