Transportation & Goods Movement Council

June 4, 2013
10-11:30 am

1. Welcome and Self-Introductions

2. Update Item:
   - California Freight Advisory Committee

3. Presentation and Discussion: SR-710 North Study
   
   *Special Guest: Frank Quon, Executive Officer, Highway Programs, Metro*

   *The study area represents 20 percent of the Los Angeles County population and the region has no major north-south connector. With the approval of Measure R funds in 2008, $780 million was identified for use in completing the 710 North Gap Closure Project.*

4. Discussion Item:
   - Update on status of Metro Congestion Mitigation Fee (CMF)

   *This proposal would impose a nearly $2.4 billion, 20-year cost to the business community for new development.*

Upcoming Events:

- MoveLA Celebrating LA’s Transportation Mayor, Wednesday, June 12th, 5:00 pm
- FuturePorts Annual Conference: Wednesday, June 19th, 8:00 am-2:30 pm

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, July 2, 2013
10-11:30 p.m.
Frank Quon
Highway Program Executive Officer
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Frank Quon is currently the Executive Officer in the Highway Program with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro). He holds responsibilities for the delivery of Highway Projects funded through Metro and the Countywide Signal Synchronization/Bus Speed Priority Program.

Previously, Frank was the Deputy District Director for Operations in District 7. He had the responsibility for the safety and operation of the state freeway and highway system in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. In 2008, he was awarded the prestigious Charles Purcell Award, presented to individuals who have shown exemplary service in transportation.

Prior to that, he held various managerial positions in project management, design and construction.
Re: Business Opposition to Congestion Mitigation Fee Proposal

Dear Mr. Leahy and Mr. Taylor,

On behalf of the undersigned broad coalition of businesses across LA County, we are writing to express our strong opposition to the Congestion Mitigation Fee (CMF) proposal.

Our coalition is appreciative of Metro staff periodically meeting over the years with the formal policy advisory group, informal business groups, as well as BizFed’s Transportation Working Group. But from the very beginning of this Metro staff effort 10 years ago, meetings and communication with business stakeholders have been sporadic at best – nonexistent at worst – and have resulted in no substantive engagement to address our concerns even though businesses will be the direct payers under this proposal. (See attached details of our concerns.)

A formal Metro CMF Feasibility Policy Advisory Committee – a stakeholder group formed specifically to vet this effort - has not met with Metro in more than a year. Other informal working groups also have not met with Metro in a year or longer. There has been little to no responsible effort by Metro staff to include the broader business and development community in this process. Metro staff program schedules have slipped with no notice to the business community; transparency in this process has been woefully lacking. Indeed, BizFed was just notified by Metro staff of the completed sub-regional nexus studies AND the final rate proposal only 60 days before it is now planned to be presented to the full Metro Board.

While we understand local governments’ need to comply with the Congestion Management Plan system developed under Proposition 111 – and thus receive state gas tax local subvention from Congestion Management Agencies, in this case Metro – we strongly believe this proposal has critical problems and is significantly out of step with today’s transformed transportation and economic landscapes.

Accordingly, we present our critical and substantive concerns for your review in the attachment. Among them:

- **Options other than this fee must be explored.** Since Metro staff began its work on a proposed CMF a decade ago, much has changed relating to transportation access, land use coordination, addressing climate change, and myriad additional economic, environmental and social issues. The entire context for our regional transportation system has shifted - yet the policy precept of a fee as "the fix" has continued in a vacuum.

- This fee approach began prior to LA County voter approval of Measure R’s $40 billion in dedicated funding for transportation and at a time when “fees” and regulations affecting business were far less prevalent. Today, LA County already has three transportation sales taxes. **This proposal amounts to an additive, nearly $2.4 Billion, 20-year cost to the business community for new development - thus, a surcharge on those who would provide the economic development our region desperately needs.**

- **As written, this CMF proposal does not reflect a regional approach to congestion mitigation.** In fact, each of LA County’s cities will be allowed to write their own ordinances and choose their own mitigation projects. In reviewing Metro staff’s eight completed sub-regional nexus studies, it is clear that the projects being proposed by cities to “mitigate” our
Congestion Mitigation Plan (CMP) Network are NOT all part of the CMP system and, in many cases, are simply "wish lists" of local projects that do nothing to mitigate regional impacts. In some cases – such as hundreds of proposed local bikeways – projects can pragmatically be expected to *exacerbate* CMP network deficiencies. Notwithstanding these projects’ substantial benefit to active transportation, this issue underscores the archaic nature of the CMP’s highway-centric construct.

These concerns – as well as those listed in the attachment – are by no means exhaustive and we would welcome an opportunity to discuss these and other issues with you further. Certainly, in this age of extremely competitive funding and burgeoning transportation needs, we are aware that solutions are vitally needed. **But this proposal and its timeline are of grave concern to the business community, and after careful consideration we must oppose this proposal as written.**

Ultimately, we believe the broad effort to mitigate LA County’s transportation network – and create a strong and healthy economy and environment - needs to be informed by much more holistic, current and substantive analysis regarding the region’s transportation funding options and assessment of our CMP network. Updated strategic planning efforts would encompass our current transportation and economic landscape - particularly in the context of California’s AB32 and SB375, Southern California Association of Governments’ Sustainable Communities Strategy/Regional Transportation Plan (SCAG’s SCS/RTP), as well as the MAP 21 performance measure development by U.S. Department of Transportation.

Myriad alternative options also need to be explored for funding rather than remaining locked onto an outdated and economically damaging concept of a “fee.” Funding alternatives that should be explored include current dialogue on vehicle license fees, vehicle miles traveled, and potential proceeds from California’s historic cap-and-trade auctions and the investment commitment of those funds to projects – including transportation – that address greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Our broad business coalition has a strong history of supporting Metro, which has developed a track record of innovative and progressive approaches to transportation funding - such as *America Fast Forward* – that have gained national attention and growing acceptance. Metro also has shown a strong commitment to healthy partnerships, including the successful launch of the first-ever Metro Business Roundtable last month to foster education, collaboration and innovation.

*We remain committed to working with Metro to explore and determine alternative, more effective options than a fee on new development. We respectfully urge a reassessment of the Congestion Mitigation Fee (CMF) proposal in favor of a more prudent, inclusive approach to achieve timely and equitable transportation solutions for our region.*

Sincerely,

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American Institute of Architects – Los Angeles

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This year’s summit will address critical topics facing the Southern California Goods Movement industry and focus on bringing all stakeholders together to collaborate on solutions that ensure a healthy California economy and environment!

WHEN/WHERE:
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2013
Time: 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Breakfast and registration start at 7:15 a.m.
Place: **NEW LOCATION**
Renaissance Long Beach Hotel
111 Ocean Blvd., Long Beach CA 90802

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:
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TENTATIVE AGENDA with Confirmed Speakers

8:00 a.m. Welcome, kickoff

8:15 - 8:45 a.m. Morning KEYNOTE SPEAKER

8:45 - 10:00 a.m. “Constructing a Framework for 21st Century Goods Movement”
Moderator - Bill Mongelluzzo, West Coast Editor, Journal of Commerce
Speaker 1 - Paul N. “Chip” Jaenichen, Sr.; Deputy Maritime Administrator, Maritime Administration, US DOT
Speaker 2 - Anne Landstrom, Principal Advisor, Commercial Group, Moffatt & Nichol
Speaker 3 - Douglas A. Thiessen, P.E., Managing Director, Engineering, Port of Long Beach
Speaker 4 - Michael R. Christensen, P.E., Deputy Executive Director, Development; Port of Los Angeles

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. “Technology Plan for Goods Movement”
Moderator - Fran Inman, Commissioner, California Transportation Commission, & Sr. Vice President, Majestic Realty Co.
Speaker 1 - Peter Peyton, Co-Chair, Jobs First Alliance
Speaker 2 - Michael J Johnson, Trucking Operations Manager, Port Logistics Group
Speaker 3 - Kerry Cartwright, Director of Goods Movement, Port of Los Angeles
Speaker 4 - Randy W. Butler PMP, Transportation Specialist, Freight Technology and Operations, Office of Freight Management and Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation

11:30 a.m. - 12 noon Break for Lunch/ Networking

12 noon Luncheon Served

12:15 p.m. Luncheon KEYNOTE SPEAKER

1:00 - 2:15 p.m. Environmental & Legislative Policy Roundtable
Moderator - Frances Keeler, President, Board of Directors, FuturePorts, and Attorney, Keesal, Young & Logan
Speaker 1 - Dr. Robert Kanter, Managing Director, Environmental Affairs & Planning, Port of Long Beach
Speaker 2 - Dr. Joseph Lyou, President and CEO, Coalition for Clean Air and Board Member, South Coast Air Quality Management District
Speaker 3 - Leon G. Billings, Consultant, Principal Staff Author of the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act
Speaker 4 - Mary Silverstein, LEEP AP, Executive Director, Harbor Community Benefit Foundation

2:15 p.m. Wrap Up
Stacey Jones, P.E., Director Ports and Maritime West, CH2M HILL

2:30 p.m. Conference adjourns