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Sustainability Committee Meeting

August 8, 2012 at 11:00 AM

City of Culver City - City Hall

Don Patacchia Conference Room, 1st Fl.
Culver City, CA 90232

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AGENDA

I. Call to Order and Introductions

II. METRO Draft Sustainability Plan Update/Next Steps

Sarah Jepson, Sustainability Project Manager will provide an update of the plan. METRO is developing an overarching policy to better integrate sustainability into the agency's countywide planning functions and programs. The policy is intended to be both a guide for METRO planners and a resource for encouraging collaboration and partnerships on sustainability with local agencies. It was developed using a planning framework that recognizes one-size does not fit all and that a variety of transportation strategies responsive to local land-use conditions and community interests will be needed to achieve long-term, sustainability priorities. The policy builds on federal, state, regional, and local sustainability policies and plans. In particular, it draws from and promotes implementation of the state-mandated and regionally adopted 2012 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

METRO staff will provide an overview of the policy, focusing on the universal and place-based planning policies, as well as the agency's proposed implementation plan. The Committee is encouraged to provide comments either informally or formally by September 4, 2012. Feedback specific to how the policies and implementation plan may be better aligned with and support Westside cities' sustainable transportation goals and projects will be particularly useful. METRO anticipates bringing the policy to their Board for consideration in October.

III. Fracking- Recommendation Sought to Oppose Fracking

At the July 26, 2012 Board meeting, Culver City requested that the Board consider taking action supporting Culver City's (and the City of Los Angeles') recent actions opposing fracking (both resolutions are attached). Hydraulic fracturing, known as fracking, is a process that increases oil and natural gas production by injecting liquids at pressures that create fractures in subsurface rock and other formations to release petroleum or natural gas. The wastewater is then disposed of by injecting it into wells. The California Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) has not developed regulations for this activity, the impacts of which on drinking water, public health and safety and the environment are unknown. The City of Culver City's resolution supports a ban on fracking until DOGGR develops regulations. The City of Los Angeles' resolution supports a moratorium until DOGGR and local and state authorities make a determination that fracking does not have negative impacts on drinking water, public health and the environment.

IV. Los Angeles Regional Collaborative for Climate Action and Sustainability (LARC) Dues Request-

At the July 16, 2009 Board meeting, a statement of intent to participate in LARC for five years at a membership fee of \$250 was approved. The 2009 dues were paid. LARC recently submitted an invoice for dues for 2012 (attached). Also attached is a list of what the dues cover. Since we are midway through the five-year commitment, the Committee may wish to develop a recommendation for the Board not only about the dues, but continued membership in LARC.

V. Plug-In Electric (PEV) Grant Opportunity Update and Next Steps

The California Energy Commission grant that the COG was working on was granted to Shasta the day before we were scheduled to submit the grant. The researchers at the UCLA Luskin Institute for Innovation believe that the application is a strong contender for a grant and they will continue to seek opportunities on behalf of the COG.

VI. Bikesharing Update/Next Steps

The Ad Hoc Bicycle Committee developed a Request for Information (RFI) for five vendors, all of whom responded in writing, by telephone or in person interviews. The team was assisted by staff of Fehr and Peers, who are on contract with the City of Santa Monica to assist in the development of their program. Via this process, we learned that the field is still in its infancy and evolving. It appears that private sponsorship or public grant funding is needed at the onset to build the infrastructure. We also learned that if we are flexible, it is possible to have a regional program with: a) one sponsor; b) one equipment provider; or c) one operator that could either be the equipment provider or a separate entity. The Board was asked at the July 26, 2012 meeting to follow up on whether the individual jurisdictions would be interested in the sponsorship approach, which would allow a simple identifying logo on the bicycles themselves, and each jurisdiction the ability to control whether or not the kiosks have advertising.

There is still one large question with respect to whether or not a system can work with two or more different types of equipment. This is extremely important as the Cities of Los Angeles, Anaheim and Long Beach are already establishing operations. The Committee received mixed responses regarding the inter-operability question.

VII. SB 568- (Lowenthal) – Polystyrene Foam Takeout Food Packaging Ban

At the July 26, 2012 Board meeting, staff was directed to forward letters/resolutions supporting SB568 to the Executive Director to bundle and send to legislators under COG letterhead. Please assist in this endeavor.

VIII. Receive and File and Direction

June 13, 2012 meeting notes- confirm or delete reference to contacting bike vendors.

IX. Public Comment on Items NOT on the Agenda

X. Announcements and Future Meeting Agenda Items

XI. Adjournment: Next meeting is scheduled to take place on October 12, 2012. Location to be determined.

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