

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Tuesday, February 10, 2010

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Simons in Conference Room B-104, VTA, 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Jim Bell	City of San Jose	Present
Ray Cosyn	City of Saratoga	Absent
Aaron Faupell	City of Milpitas	Present
Chris Fernandez	County of Santa Clara	Present
Nancy Ginzton	Town of Los Altos Hills	Present
Carl Hagenmaier	City of Los Altos	Present
Jerri-Ann Meyer	City of Mountain View	Present
Thomas Muniz	City of Gilroy	Present
Richard Ruh	City of Monte Sereno	Present
Marian Sacco	City of Morgan Hill	Absent
David Simons	City of Sunnyvale	Present
John Sullivan	City of Santa Clara	Present
Richard Swent	City of Palo Alto	Present
Herman Wadler	City of Campbell	Present
James Wiant	City of Cupertino	Present
Erik Wilhelmsen	Town of Los Gatos	Present
Corinne Winter	SVBC	NA
Paul Goldstein	Alt Ex-Officio, SVBC	Present

A quorum was present.

2. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Orders of the Day.

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Jim Stallman, Interested Citizen, expressed concern with VTA's, compliance with Routine Accommodations, ensuring the needs of bicyclists and pedestrians are addressed in various projects, and noted he would like to see a focused interest on the matter by the BPAC.

Chairperson Simons requested Mr. Stallman make a presentation to the Committee as part of a workshop and provide more information on specific projects.

4. Committee Staff Report

Ying Smith, Transportation Planning Manager and Staff Liaison, provided an update on the funds for the Regional Bicycle Network. She indicated most projects from the Bicycle Expenditure Plan (BEP) are eligible but funding will depend on project readiness.

- Capital Program Update

Michelle DeRobertis, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an update on the E-Lockers Retrofit program noting funding was received for four additional sites. She indicated two sites have been completed, and the others are scheduled for completion in March.

- Conditions of Approval Update

Michelle DeRobertis, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an update on the Santa Clara Caltrain Tunnel project. She indicated an application was filed to receive \$1 Million from regional Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) monies and VTA will be working with City of Santa Clara to get the additional \$6 Million needed to complete the project.

- County Report

Paul Pascoal, Santa Clara County Roads and Airports Department, reported there is a call for projects under the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 program, for putting sidewalks on unincorporated roads and requested the committee inform him of any roads that need to be added to the list. He also announced funds are currently available for the expressway sidewalks project and encouraged Members to have their cities submit applications.

On order of Chairperson Simons and there being no objection, the Committee Staff Report was received.

5. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Simons provided a report highlighting the Advisory Committee Enhancement process and indicated he sent an email to follow-up on the proposed meetings with the Advisory Committee Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons. He also noted if Committee Members or members of the public have an issue they feel needs to be addressed by the Board or a particular group, he will work with them to ensure the information gets forwarded.

Chairperson Simons announced Member Wadler would be serving on the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) as well as BPAC.

6. BPAC Subcommittee Reports

Vice Chairperson Meyer provided a report from the Special Events Ordinance Subcommittee. She noted the subcommittee reviewed each section of the ordinance and provided comments. She indicated most of the comments were incorporated, but there were a few modifications needed.

Vice Chairperson Meyer questioned if the subcommittee would have authority to submit approval of the ordinance on behalf of the full BPAC Committee. Chairperson Simons indicated he would like to have discussion and input from the whole committee, but if the timeline did not allow for their approval, the subcommittee could move forward with it.

On order of Chairperson Simons and there being no objection, the BPAC Subcommittee Reports were received.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Minutes of November 10, 2009

M/S/C (Muniz/Swent) on a vote of 13 ayes 0 noes and 2 abstentions to approve the Minutes of November 10, 2009. Members Bell and Fernandez abstained.

REGULAR AGENDA

8. Block Grant Program

Marcella Rensi, Transportation Planning Manager, provided a report on the Block Program Grant as contained in the Agenda Packet.

Vice Chairperson Meyer made a recommendation to amend the motion with the provision that no funds be flexed from the Bicycle Expenditure Program (BEP) element to protect BEP funds.

M/S/C (Wadler/Bell) to adopt the “Block Grant” program structure for programming future Federal flexible funds through the Congestion Management Agency as presented in this memorandum with the provision that no funds be flexed from the Bicycle Expenditure Program element.

9. Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for October-December 2009

Ying Smith, Staff Liaison provided an overview of the staff report as contained in the Agenda Packet.

On order of Chairperson Simons and there being no objection, the Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for October-December 2009 was received.

NOTE: M/S/C MEANS MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED AND, UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

OTHER

10. Local Jurisdiction Project Review Report

There was no Local Jurisdiction Project Review Report.

11. BPAC Work Plan

The BPAC requested the following items be added to the Workplan: 1) Expected dates when the committee will be involved in regular items it reviews; 2) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Report; and 3) Complete Streets Program.

On order of Chairperson Simons and there being no objection, the BPAC Work Plan was reviewed.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Wadler indicated he was appointed as a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee representing bicyclists. He announced there were presentations on High Speed Rail, and the Berryessa Pedestrian Overpass at the CAC meeting, and he requested the BPAC be presented with the information on these items as well. He also announced that as part of the Advisory Committee Enhancement (ACE) process, another member from BPAC would be appointed to the CAC.

Vice Chairperson Meyer announced the City of Mountain View is hosting a community open house on the General Plan and Pedestrian Plan on February 11, 2010.

Vice Chairperson Meyer asked for volunteers to serve on a subcommittee to plan a tour of overcrossings and undercrossings as a part of Bike to Work Month.

13. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Simons and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Menominee McCarter, Board Assistant
Office of the Board Secretary