

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 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 6:06 p.m. by Chairperson Simons in the Auditorium, VTA, 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Jim Bell	City of San Jose	Absent
Ray Cosyn	City of Saratoga	Absent
Aaron Faupell	City of Milpitas	Present
Chris Fernandez	County of Santa Clara	Present
Nancy Gintzon	Town of Los Altos Hills	Present
Carl Hagenmaier	City of Los Altos	Absent
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	Absent
Corinne Winter	SVBC	Absent
Paul Goldstein	Alt Ex-Officio, SVBC	Present

A quorum was not present and a Committee of the Whole was declared.

2. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Orders of the Day.

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

There were no Public Presentations.

Alternate Ex-Officio Member Goldstein requested staff to consider sending the meeting minutes via e-mail before agenda packet printing and distribution.

4. Committee Staff Report

Ying Smith, Transportation Planning Manager and Staff Liaison, introduced Jody Littlehales, Transportation Planner III.

Member Sullivan took his seat at 6:14 p.m. and a quorum was declared.

- Eastridge Transit Center Pedestrian and Transit Access & Improvement Plan

Ms. Littlehales reviewed the Eastridge Transit Center Access & Improvement Plan's History, Study Area, Fact Sheet, Feedback, and Outreach Activities. Ms. Littlehales reviewed the existing barriers to pedestrian and bicycle access and the plans to mitigate or improve pedestrian and bicycle access to the Eastridge Transit Center.

The Committee commented there should be public-private partnership to share the cost of the improvements. The Committee commented at the city level, there could be conditions of approval for new development projects to ensure there are pedestrian and bicycle accommodations.

Member Ginzton took her seat at 6:28 p.m.

- Capital Program Update

Michelle DeRobertis, Senior Transportation Planner, reported the e-locker retrofit project is completed and e-lockers are now available at 12 light rail stations. Staff is actively pursuing funding to retrofit other bike lockers. Ms. DeRobertis added VTA will issue a Call-for-Projects for the Bicycle Expenditure Plan (BEP).

Michelle DeRobertis, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an update on the Santa Clara Caltrain Tunnel project. She indicated the City of Santa Clara would submit an application for \$1 Million from the regional Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA).

- County Report

Dan Collen, County Roads and Airports Department, noted there is a California Legislature initiative to swap gasoline sales tax to increased excise tax. He expressed concern if the bill is passed, the excise tax does not have the constitutional protection and therefore the money could be easily diverted to non-transportation uses. Mr. Collen reported the County is waiting for the results of the grant applications submitted for the Jobs for Main Street Act 2010 (Stimulus II). However, the County is unsuccessful in obtaining Transportation Infrastructure Generating Recovery (TIGER) grant funds.

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

5. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Simons reported Google expanded its map to include bike routes. Possible topics for future presentations are: Routine Accommodations and public safety.

6. BPAC Subcommittee Reports

The Ordinance sub-committee reported they are now in the process of reviewing the new update received from the County staff. They added the current language need to be worked so that it will not be confusing. The Ordinance administrative guidelines are not yet available.

Vice Chairperson Meyer noted the Over and Under Tour date is on May 15, 2010, the same day the Mattson Technology San José ViaVelo event will be held. BPAC Members are encouraged to volunteer and/or participate.

Chairperson Simons requested staff to add "Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)/Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) as a standing item on future BPAC agendas.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Minutes of February 10, 2010

M/S/C (Wiant/Meyer) to approve the Minutes of February 10, 2010.

REGULAR AGENDA

Member Wadler took his seat at 6:52 p.m.

8. 2009 CMP Monitoring & Conformance Report

Ms. Smith provided an overview of the staff report. Upon inquiry, she noted the Level of Service (LOS) is the mandated performance standard for the Monitoring and Conformance Report. However, VTA staff uses the Vehicles Miles Traveled (VMT) as a projection Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2035. VMT can also be addressed in the Congestion Management Program update.

Jim Stallman, Interested Citizen, commented freeways and expressways are operating well. He requested for a CD of the San Jose Airport Transportation Impact Analysis.

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

Chairperson Simons suggested the LOS mitigation should include multi-modal transportation options instead of solely focusing on freeway improvements.

M/S/C (Swent/Fernandez) to recommend the Board of Directors to adopt the Draft 2009 Monitoring and Conformance Report.

9. Expressway Sidewalk Funding

Mr. Collen provided an overview of the staff report.

M/S/C (Wadler/Meyer) to accept report and recommend the County Board of Supervisors to approve proposed top candidate project for FY2011 Expressway Sidewalk Program funding.

10. County TDA Items

M/S/C (Wadler/Ginzton) to accept report and recommend to the County Board of Supervisors to approve the County's TDA Article 3 Project Priority List as presented in Attachment A, which shows McKee Road between White Road and Staples Avenue Phase 2 as the top ranked project.

OTHER

Member Wadler reported the CAC/CWC received a presentation regarding PodCars from the San Jose Airport and was advised of the upcoming Diridon Station Joint Policy Advisory Committee meeting on March 19, 2010.

11. Local Jurisdiction Project Review Report

Member Muniz noted Caltrans' Plan to upgrade the segment on State Route 152 (Westbound).

Chairperson Simons referred to the Sunnyvale Downtown Redevelopment and noted there should increased bicycle parking spaces beyond the requirement.

12. BPAC Work Plan

The items to be added in the work plan are: Capital Projects Reports (County Item); TDA Project List; and Silicon Valley Rapid Transit bicycle facilities workshop. Vice Chairperson Meyer will check with Santa Clara County staff to determine if the ordinance can be discussed again at BPAC.

John Carpenter, Interested Citizen commented now is the perfect opportunity to review the bicycle plan and its relationship to rail routes (i.e. High Speed Rail). Staff commented VTA does not have clarity on how the BPAC will be involved in the High Speed Rail as it is not a VTA project.

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

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alternate Ex-Officio Member Goldstein reported the Final Complete Streets Implementation Action Plan has been approved.

Member Wadler announced the City of Campbell's Main Street project bid is now open.

Member Ruh noted currently there are 11 sites for the Over and Under Tour but there is capacity to add more sites.

Member Sullivan announced the City of Santa Clara planted new trees on the side path of Monroe and Cabrillo.

Member Muniz announced City of Gilroy started construction of its new library facility. He noted the goal of Gilroy Bicycle Pedestrian Commission is to extend bike network throughout the City.

Vice Chairperson Meyer announced the following projects will be constructed this year: Permanent Creek Trail Extension and Stevens Creek Trail Extension.

Chairperson Simons announced Sunnyvale is now accepting applications for its Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission. Chairperson Simons suggested keeping records of future projects, which can be included in future Over and Under Tours.

14. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Simons and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine F. Baltao, Board Assistant
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