



BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chairperson Meyers in the VTA Auditorium, 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Lisa Aragon	City of Morgan Hill	Absent
Jim Bell	City of San Jose	Absent
Ray Cosyn	City of Saratoga	Absent
Aaron Faupell	City of Milpitas	Present
Carl Hagenmaier	City of Los Altos	Absent
Melanie Hanssen	Town of Los Gatos	Present
Breene Kerr	Town of Los Altos Hills	Present
Steven Levin	County of Santa Clara	Present
Jerri-Ann Meyer, Chairperson	City of Mountain View	Present
Thomas Muniz	City of Gilroy	Present
Richard Ruh	City of Monte Sereno	Present
David Simons	City of Sunnyvale	Absent
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
Corinne Winter	Alt Ex-Officio, SVBC	N/A
Paul Goldstein, Vice Chairperson	Ex-Officio, SVBC	Present

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

2. ORDERS OF THE DAY

Chairperson Meyer noted staff’s request to consider Agenda Item #14., I-280/I-880/Stevens Creek Boulevard Interchange Project, after Agenda Item #11., Regional Bike Share Pilot Program.

On order of Chairperson Meyer and there being no objections, the Committee of the Whole accepted the Orders of the Day.

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no Public Presentations.

Member Sullivan took his seat at 6:08 p.m. and a quorum was declared.

4. Committee Staff Report

Greta Helm, Chief External Affairs Officer, provided a brief presentation on efforts to increase ridership and improve the system. She introduced the “Drop and Give Me Ten” campaign designed to engage Advisory Committee members in the promotion of transit services.

Member Levin suggested increasing in the number of express trains and frequency of evening service on the light rail.

Member Hanssen took her seat at 6:16 p.m.

Michelle DeRobertis, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a brief update on the following: 1) Office of Planning and Research’s incorporation of VTA’s comments on the General Plan Guidelines; 2) Bike Technical Guidelines updates on the VTA website; 3) Caltrans updates to California’s Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices which will require changes be made to Bike Tech Guidelines; and 4) Donation from Friends of Stevens Creek trail to print VTA bikeways maps for Bike to Work Day in May.

5. Chairperson’s Report

Chairperson Meyer provided a brief report on the following: 1) AB1358 Complete Streets Act; 2) Increased number of commissioners on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), giving Santa Clara County additional representation; and 3) Positive Article from a cyclist who received a rapid response from VTA Customer Service regarding an incident with a bus.

Member Levin noted MTC approved the increase of commissioners but it still needs to be passed by the State Legislature.

6. Reports from BPAC subcommittees

Vice Chairperson Goldstein provided a report from the Special Events Ordinance Subcommittee noting the county drafted an announcement for bike clubs and other organizers of races to notify them of the special events ordinance and provide clarity regarding permits.

Paul Pascoal, Santa Clara County Roads and Airports Department, reported Chairperson Meyer drafted a summary of the bicycle portion of the ordinance and it will be placed on the County website.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Minutes of January 12, 2011

Member Wiant requested a correction to the spelling of his name on Page 5 and questioned the procedure of correcting and approving Minutes.

Ex-Officio Member Goldstein requested a correction to the Roll Call to reflect his new title.

Elaine Baltao, Assistant Board Secretary, indicated the approved minutes, with any necessary corrections, will be placed on the website and requests for corrections will be reflected in the current meeting's minutes.

M/S/C (Wiant/Swent) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2011, as amended.

8. Measure A Semi-Annual Report - December 2010

On order of Chairperson Meyer and there being no objection, the Committee received the Measure A Semi-Annual Report - December 2010.

9. Programmed Projects Quarterly Monitoring Report for October 2010 - December 2010

On order of Chairperson Meyer and there being no objection, the Committee received the Programmed Projects Quarterly Monitoring Report for October 2010 - December 2010.

10. Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for October through December 2010

On order of Chairperson Meyer and there being no objection, the Committee received the Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for October through December 2010.

REGULAR AGENDA

11. Regional Bike Share Pilot Program

Aiko Cuenco, provided a brief overview of the staff report and an update on the Bike Share Pilot Program.

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

Member Wadler took his seat at 6:33 p.m.

On order of Chairperson Meyer and there being no objection, the Committee received an update on the Regional Bike Share Pilot Program.

The Agenda was taken out of order.

14. I-280/I-880/Stevens Creek Boulevard Interchange Project

Ven Prasad, Engineering Group Manager, provided a brief overview of the staff report and a presentation with maps highlighting the proposed changes.

On order of Chairperson Meyer and there being no objection, the Committee received a presentation on the I-280/I-880/Stevens Creek Boulevard Interchange Project.

12. VTP 2035 Bicycle Expenditure Plan (BEP) Projects

Ms. DeRobertis provided an overview of the report and an update on the status and progress of the BEP projects.

Chris Augenstein, Deputy Director Planning, noted the importance of building better working relationships between VTA and individual cities to promote project development and readiness and advocate for funding.

Member Muniz suggested VTA staff review work with city agencies to incorporate complete streets policy language and have plan developers be a part of the overall solution.

On order of Chairperson Meyer and there being no objection, the Committee received a report on the status of VTP 2035 BEP Projects.

13. Valley Transportation Plan 2040 (VTP 2040)

Mr. Augenstein provided a brief overview of the VTP 2040 and implementation of SB375. He highlighted several issues relative to Santa Clara County including: 1) No funding for bicycle projects that are not in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); 2) Lack of Priority Development Areas (PDA); and 3) Economic impact of the plan.

Member Swent requested projects which are carried over to the new plan keep the same number for more clarity.

On order of Chairperson Meyer and there being no objection, the Committee received an update on the planning activities as part of the development of Valley Transportation Plan 2040 (VTP 2040).

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BPAC AGENDA

15. County Staff Report

Dawn Cameron, Santa Clara County Roads and Airports Department, announced a Workshop covering popular bike rides on country roads is scheduled for March 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., immediately following the regular BPAC meeting. She distributed flyers, a draft map of county operated roads, and a history of the top county roads for which permits have been requested.

Member Kerr requested Page Mill Road be added to the map.

Member Muniz requested more detailed maps per city be provided at the workshop and the cross county corridor route map be available.

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

16. County TDA Projects for Fiscal Year 2011/2012

Mr. Pascoal provided an update on the following: 1) County Board of Supervisors adoption of the amended bikes and skateboards ordinance; 2) Bicycle Special Events Ordinance brief summary; 3) Pedestrian Sensing Detectors and adaptive signal timing; and 4) Transit Development Act (TDA) Article 3 call for projects.

Member Kerr questioned why the Los Altos Hills Pathways Committee has not been contacted by the County regarding the Pedestrian Path along Moody Road. He indicated they have been working on the project and he will provide information to County staff regarding feasibility and cost.

On order of Chairperson Meyer and there being no objection, the Committee received a report from the Santa Clara County Roads and Airports Department on potential County TDA Projects for Fiscal Year 2011/2012.

OTHER

17. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) Report

There was no report from the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) Report.

18. Local Jurisdiction Project Review

Member Kerr reported Los Altos Hills is continuing the design of the Fremont Road bicycle lane.

Vice Chairperson Goldstein reported Mountain View reviewed the progress of the overcrossing project on 101 at Adobe Creek.

On order of Chairperson Meyer and there being no objection, the Local Jurisdiction Project Review Section was received.

19. BPAC Work Plan

Ms. DeRobertis indicated items scheduled for March will be forwarded to the April Agenda to provide adequate time for several County action items and the Workshop.

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

20. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Swent reported construction is scheduled to start on Stanford Avenue and El Camino Real intersection this month and includes various bike and pedestrian improvements.

Member Wiant reported the City of Cupertino completed its application to the League of American Bicyclists to be named a Bicycle Friendly Community. Former Cupertino BPAC member, Dick Blaine is leading efforts to name the Mary Avenue Bridge in honor former Cupertino Mayor, Don Burnett.

Ex-Officio Member Goldstein informed the Committee the Greenbelt Alliance has an overview of complete streets guidelines and an introduction to general plans on their website.

Chairperson Meyer reported the City of Mountain View's general plan update is in progress and will include a pedestrian master plan.

21. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Meyer and there being no objection, the Committee meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Menominee McCarter
VTA Office of the Board Secretary