

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 9, 2011
6:00 PM

**BPAC REGULAR MEETING WILL ADJOURN TO
A BPAC WORKSHOP MEETING**

VTA Auditorium
3331 North First Street
San Jose, CA

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

1. ROLL CALL
2. ORDERS OF THE DAY
3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

This portion of the agenda is reserved for persons desiring to address the Committee on any matter not on the agenda. Speakers are **limited to 2 minutes**. The law does not permit Committee action or extended discussion on any item not on the agenda except under special circumstances. If Committee action is requested, the matter can be placed on a subsequent agenda. All statements that require a response will be referred to staff for reply in writing.

4. Receive Committee Staff Report. (Verbal Report) (Y. Smith)
 - Capital Program Update.
5. Receive Chairperson's Report. (Verbal Report) (Meyer)
6. Receive Reports from BPAC subcommittees. (Verbal Report)

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2011.

REGULAR AGENDA

8. INFORMATION ITEM - Review the programming of FY 2011/12 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program Manager (TFCA 40%) funds to projects.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BPAC AGENDA

9. Receive County Staff Report. (Verbal Report) (Collen)
10. ACTION ITEM - Recommend that the County Board of Supervisors approve the project list for TDA Article 3 funding. (County Item)
11. ACTION ITEM - Recommend that the County Board of Supervisors approve the top candidate project for funding through the FY2011/12 County Expressway Sidewalk Program as presented in Attachment A. (County Item)

OTHER

12. Receive Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) Report. (Verbal Report) (Wadler)
13. Local Jurisdiction Project Review Section. (Verbal Report) (Committee Members)
14. Review BPAC Work Plan. (Y Smith/D. Collen)
15. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
16. **ADJOURN**

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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



Date: February 25, 2011
 Current Meeting: March 9, 2011
 Board Meeting: April 7, 2011

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
 Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

THROUGH: General Manager, Michael T. Burns

FROM: Chief CMA Officer, John Ristow

SUBJECT: 2011 TFCA Program Manager Fund

Policy-Related Action: No

Government Code Section 84308 Applies: No

INFORMATION ITEM

RECOMMENDATION:

Review the programming of FY 2011/12 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program Manager (TFCA 40%) funds to projects.

BACKGROUND:

The Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) is generated by a \$4.00 surcharge on vehicle registrations. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) administers these funds in the nine-county Bay Area. Funds are available for allocation to alternative fuels, arterial management, bicycle, and trip-reduction projects that reduce vehicle emissions.

BAAQMD returns 40% of these funds to the county in which they are collected for allocation by a "program manager." This fund is called the TFCA Program Manager Fund (TFCA 40%). VTA is the program manager for Santa Clara County and project sponsors apply directly to VTA for funding. The VTA Board of Directors allocates these funds to projects in Santa Clara County, subject to approval by BAAQMD.

At its December 9, 2004 meeting, the VTA Board of Directors set aside up to 25% of the annual TFCA 40% allocation to bicycle projects in the Countywide Bicycle Expenditure Plan (BEP) for FY2010/11-FY2029/30.

DISCUSSION:

There is a total of \$2,195,176 available for TFCA 40% projects this year. VTA received 10 applications from project sponsors requesting a total of \$2,423,226. Of these applications, 3 were

for BEP projects and 7 were for competitive projects. Attachment A presents staff's entire recommended FY 2011/12 TFCA 40% program. Attachment B provides a brief description of each project. The recommended project list is based on BAAQMD's TFCA County Program Manager Fund Expenditure Program Guidance and the VTA Board of Directors' TFCA 40% Policies and Criteria as revised on December 9, 2010.

BEP Projects:

This year, project sponsors submitted 3 BEP projects. The total grant request of these projects is \$214,450. Staff recommends funding the 3 BEP projects as requested.

Competitive Program:

The total grant request for the 7 competitive project applications was \$2,208,776, in excess of the \$1,980,726 remaining available funds. On February 15, 2011, a scoring subcommittee of the Technical Advisory Committee's Capital Improvement Program Working Group met to evaluate the competitive applications. The committee evaluated the 7 projects, which are ranked below in Attachment A. Because the total grant request exceeded the available funds, the two lowest ranked projects are not being recommended for funding.

ALTERNATIVES:

The VTA Board may request other programming alternatives. All projects submitted for consideration in the TFCA program must adhere to BAAQMD policies, including cost-effectiveness requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is direct fiscal impact as a result of this action. As the program manager for Santa Clara County, VTA distributes the TFCA 40% grant funds directly to the project sponsors, retaining 5% to cover administrative expenses, which staff expects to be approximately \$107,000 in FY2011/12. This will be included in the FY2011/12 CMA budget. The grant revenue for the Light Rail Shuttles project, for which VTA is the project sponsor, will be reflected in the FY2011/12 VTA Transit Enterprise Fund Operating Budget.

Prepared by: Bill Hough
Memo No. 2957

Attachment A
Santa Clara County FY 2011/12 TFCA 40% Program

Rank	Project Sponsor	Project Name	Total Cost	Grant Request	Match	Match %	TFCA Cost/Ton	Grant Recommended*	Total Score
<u>Competitive Projects</u>									
1	Santa Clara	Traffic Signal Timing Project	\$1,636,000	\$1,168,526	\$467,474	29%	\$59,991	\$1,168,526	80
2	S.C. County	Alamden/Capitol Weekend Traffic Responsive Signal Timing	\$120,000	\$96,000	\$24,000	20%	\$22,648	\$96,000	77
3	VTA	Light Rail Shuttles	\$1,381,184	\$557,000	\$824,184	60%	\$89,963	\$557,000	76
4	Santa Clara	Stevens Creek Colorized Bike Lanes	\$85,000	\$59,200	\$25,800	30%	\$43,966	\$59,200	66
5	Mountain View	Permanante Creek Trail	\$330,000	\$100,000	\$230,000	70%	\$63,126	\$100,000	63
<u>Unfunded Competitive Projects</u>									
6	Santa Clara	Scott Boulevard Bike Lanes	\$196,000	\$102,650	\$93,350	48%	\$89,999	\$0	62
7	Morgan Hill	Butterfield South Extension	\$10,456,900	\$125,400	\$10,331,500	99%	\$89,955	\$0	48
<i>Subtotal Competitive:</i>			<i>\$14,205,084</i>	<i>\$2,208,776</i>	<i>\$11,996,308</i>			<i>\$1,980,726</i>	
<u>BEP projects</u>									
	San Jose	Park/San Fernando/San Antonio	\$61,500	\$43,000	\$18,500	30%	\$38,605	\$43,000	N.A.
	San Jose	Hedding Street Bike Lanes	\$123,500	\$86,450	\$37,050	30%	\$31,980	\$86,450	N.A.
	Sunnyvale	Pastoria Avenue Bike Lanes	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$0	0%	\$89,429	\$85,000	N.A.
<i>Subtotal BEP:</i>			<i>\$270,000</i>	<i>\$214,450</i>	<i>\$55,550</i>			<i>\$214,450</i>	
Total			\$14,474,084	\$2,423,226	\$12,151,858			\$2,195,176	

*NOTE: "Grant Recommended" amounts are subject to revision due to verification of adequate TFCA interest and BAAQMD cost-effectiveness requirements.



Date: February 23, 2011
 Current Meeting: March 9, 2011
 Board Meeting: N/A

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
 Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

THROUGH: General Manager, Michael T. Burns

FROM:

SUBJECT: County TDA Project List FY2011/2012

Policy-Related Action: No

Government Code Section 84308 Applies: No

ACTION ITEM

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that the County Board of Supervisors approve the project list for TDA Article 3 funding.

BACKGROUND:

County staff will present the recommendation for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 funding as described in the County memorandum in Attachment A.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Prepared by: Michelle DeRobertis
 Memo No. 2980

County of Santa Clara Roads & Airports Department



Prepared by: Dan Collen
Deputy Director

BPAC DATE: March 9, 2011

TO: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

FROM: *MM* Michael Murdter, Director Roads & Airports Department

SUBJECT: FY 2012 TDA Article 3 Funds

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Accept report regarding the banking of the County's FY 2012 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 Funds.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The TDA was enacted by the California State Legislature in 1972. This legislation imposes a ¼-cent per gallon tax on gasoline and diesel fuel sold within the State of California, the proceeds from which are dedicated towards transportation purposes. Article 3 of the TDA sets aside a portion of these funds for bicycle and pedestrian projects. Based on VTA policy, seventy-five (75%) of the countywide TDA-3 funding is allocated to the jurisdictions within Santa Clara County based on population as guarantee funds. Local jurisdictions may bank up to 3 years of funds to create a larger funding source for a project.

The County's FY 2012 TDA-3 allocation is estimated to be \$44,000. The smallest scale sidewalk gap project costs \$150,000 and the average sized sidewalk gap project costs approximately \$500,000. There are no partially funded projects that can use this funding and it is not enough to deliver a project on its own. Therefore, the County has decided to bank its FY 2012 TDA Article 3 funds.



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BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
 Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

THROUGH: General Manager, Michael T. Burns

FROM: Chief CMA Officer, John Ristow

SUBJECT: County Pedestrian Exwy Project List FY 2011/12

Policy-Related Action: No

Government Code Section 84308 Applies: No

ACTION ITEM

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that the County Board of Supervisors approve the top candidate project for funding through the FY2011/12 County Expressway Sidewalk Program as presented in Attachment A.

BACKGROUND:

County staff will present the recommendation for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011/2012 County Pedestrian Expressway Project List as described in the County memorandum in Attachment A.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Prepared by: Michelle DeRobertis
 Memo No. 2981

County of Santa Clara Roads & Airports Department



Prepared by: Dan Collen
Deputy Director

BPAC DATE: March 9, 2011

TO: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

FROM: *MM* Michael Murdter, Director Roads & Airports Department

SUBJECT: County Expressway Pedestrian Projects Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Accept report and recommend approval of proposed top candidate project for FY2012 program funding.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The VTA Board of Directors approved a new funding program for County expressway pedestrian projects on November 5, 2009. The program provides for \$300,000 in grant funding (\$150,000 from County and \$150,000 from TDA discretionary funds), and requires a minimum city match equal to one-third of the project cost. Eligible projects for this program are the new pedestrian walkways identified in the Expressway Study 2008 Update and pedestrian crossing enhancements for expressway signalized intersections.

The County issued a call for projects on January 14, 2011, and set a deadline for proposals of February 11, 2011, for the FY 2012 program. One grant application was submitted. It was from the City of Mountain View for the construction of sidewalks along the north side of Central Expressway between Moffett Boulevard and Gemini Avenue. Staff has reviewed the project application and recommends it for funding. This project fills in a significant sidewalk gap along Central Expressway. It connects the residential neighborhoods north of Central Expressway and west of Shoreline Boulevard with the gateway to the City's downtown and the Mountain View Transit Center at Moffett Boulevard/Castro Street. The total project cost is estimated at \$450,000. The project will be funded in equal parts by the City, County, and TDA funds (\$150,000 each).