

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairperson Meyers at the VTA River Oaks Campus, Conference Room B-104, 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Lisa Aragon	City of Morgan Hill	Present
Jim Bell	City of San Jose	Absent
Ray Cosyn	City of Saratoga	Absent
Aaron Faupell	City of Milpitas	Present
Paul Goldstein, Vice Chairperson	Ex-Officio, SVBC	Absent
Carl Hagenmaier	City of Los Altos	Present
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	Absent
David Simons	City of Sunnyvale	Present
John Sullivan	City of Santa Clara	Present
Richard Swent	City of Palo Alto	Absent
Herman Wadler	City of Campbell	Absent
James Wiant	City of Cupertino	Present
Corinne Winter	Alt Ex-Officio, SVBC	Absent

A quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no Public Presentations.

Member Hagenmaier arrived at the meeting and took his seat at 6:08 p.m.

3. 2011 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program Manager (TFCA 40 percent) funds to projects

Marcella Rensi, Transportation Planning Manager, provided an overview of the staff report.

VTA is the Program Manager for Santa Clara County; therefore, project sponsors apply directly to VTA for project funding. The VTA Board of Directors allocates the funds to projects in Santa Clara County subject to approval by the BAAQMD.

Ms. Rensi reported that at the December 9, 2004 VTA Board of Directors Regular meeting, the Board earmarked and set aside 25 percent of the annual TFCA 40 percent allocation to bicycle projects in the Countywide Bicycle Expenditure Plan (BEP) for Fiscal Year 2010/2011 – Fiscal Year 2029/2030. The BEP is a non-competitive project process where as projects submitted are funded until the 25 percent earmarked funding is depleted. Three BEP projects were submitted by project sponsors with a total grant request of \$214,450.

Member Hanssen arrived at the meeting and took her seat at 6:29 p.m.

The remaining TFCA program is competitive and the projects submitted are evaluated by a scoring committee utilizing criteria approved by VTA's Board of Directors.

VTA received seven competitive projects submitted for the TFCA program with a total grant request of \$2,208,776, which was in excess of the \$1,980,726 remaining available funds in the TFCA program. The two lowest ranked competitive projects were not recommended for funding since the total grant request exceeded the available funds remaining in the TFCA program.

Members of the Committee expressed concern that their cities did not submit enough projects and queried about what could be done to increase the BEP projects next year.

Upon query from Members of the Committee, Ying Smith, Transportation Planner Manager, responded that staff will present an update on the Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2040 BEP Project List at the April 13, 2011 BPAC meeting.

M/S/C (Simons/Hanssen) to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the programming of FY 2011/12 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program Manager (TFCA 40 percent) funds to projects.

Chairperson Meyer suggested that the Committee receive the total scoring criteria information as well as a detailed breakdown on how the projects were scored.

Members of the Committee noted the importance to make sure their cities are aware and involved to ensure more non-competitive BEP projects receive funding so the TFCA program is successful.

Chairperson Meyer urged the Committee Members to communicate with their city staff to ascertain the challenges and identify more projects to receive TFCA funding.

Member Levin left the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Members of the Committee requested that the Committee receive information on the scoring criteria matrix as well as trend information when the Committee reviews the BEP projects. Members of the Committee stressed the importance to identify more projects to receive BEP non-competitive funding in the TFCA program.

Chairperson Meyer noted the importance for the cities to identify the challenges preventing the projects from moving forward.

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

Members of the Committee stressed the importance for each member to be involved with their cities and find opportunities to include more projects into the BEP. The Committee requested that VTA staff provide the following information to the Committee:

- Include a detailed break-down of project scores in future reports;
- Provide a multi-year overview of BEP programming relative to Competitive programming at a future BPAC meeting; and
- Initiate a discussion of BEP project delivery issues at a future BPAC meeting.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Meyer commented on the San Antonio Shopping Center Development Project located on San Antonio and El Camino and the Mayfield Redevelopment Project located near Central Expressway and San Antonio Road.

Member Faupell left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Member Kerr announced the American Diabetes Association (ADA) Silicon Valley “Tour De Cure” scheduled on June 12, 2011, noting a training ride scheduled on Thursday, March 31, 2011 from 5:15 - 7:30 p.m.

Member Kerr commented on the proposed Stanford Trail Improvement Project on Page Mill Road near Arastradero Road.

Member Sullivan noted the Santa Clara BPAC meeting is scheduled on April 6, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. held at Santa Clara City Hall.

Member Aragon commented on the May 12, 2011 Bike to Work Day, noting the efforts to coordinate an energizer bike station at the Morgan Hill Park and Ride Lot.

Member Hanssen commented on the proposed implementation of additional bike lanes on Blossom Hill Road in the Town of Los Gatos.

Member Simons commented on the Sunnyvale BPAC meeting scheduled on Wednesday, March 30, 2011 regarding the Grand Boulevard Project. He noted a meeting scheduled on Thursday, March 31, 2011 in Sunnyvale to discuss the Mary Avenue/Almanor Avenue/101/237 bridge plan project.

Chairperson Meyer commented on behalf of Vice Chairperson Goldstein and queried if each member was aware if their city or town adopted a formal complete street’s policy or if they consider their city or town policy perspective is adequate for bike and pedestrian planning.

5. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Meyer and there being no objection, the Committee adjourned the special meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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