

## BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 13, 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 6:07 p.m. by Chairperson Meyer 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	Present
Ray Cosyn	City of Saratoga	Present
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	Absent
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	Present
John Sullivan	City of Santa Clara	Present
Richard Swent	City of Palo Alto	Absent
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 present.

#### 2. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Orders of the Day.

#### 3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no Public Presentations.

**4. Committee Staff Report**

Michelle DeRobertis, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a brief report about the Advisory Committee Budget Workshop, bike way maps for the Bike to Work Day, and the Transportation Injury Mapping System (TIMS).

**5. Chairperson's Report**

Chairperson Meyer provided a brief report on the following: 1) expressed appreciation to BPAC members who attended the special meeting on March 30, 2011; 2) proclamation of bike to work month by the City of Mountain View, she encouraged the committee members to do the same in their cities; 3) Bike to Work Day on May 12, 2011; 4) Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition's (SVBC) Advocacy Bike Summit; and 5) the opportunity to provide input in the revised Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 280/880/Stevens Creek Boulevard Improvement.

**6. Reports from BPAC Subcommittees**

Dan Collen, County Roads and Airports Department, announced that the online permit application for Special Events on County Roads is now operational.

Member Simons noted the Bylaws Subcommittee provided its updates to staff. The item will be agendaized at a future BPAC meeting.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**7. Minutes of March 9, 2011**

M/S/C (Simons/Muniz) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2011.

**8. Minutes of March 30, 2011**

M/S/C (Simons/Muniz) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 30, 2011.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**9. US 101-Capitol Expressway & Yerba Buena Road Interchange Project**

Ven Prasad, Engineering Group Manager, provided an overview of the staff report.

Members of the Committee commented that the project design is a good improvement to the existing condition. They expressed concern about the single lane exit towards the freeway; the planned lighting for the project; and, suggested having a separation barrier between the sidewalk and the vehicle travel lane.

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

**On order of Chairperson Meyer** and there being no objection, the Committee received a report on the US 101-Capitol Expressway & Yerba Buena Road Interchange Project.

**The Agenda was taken out of order.**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BPAC AGENDA**

**11. County Staff Report**

Mr. Collen noted that he attended the VTP 2040 Initial Project List meeting where an interested citizen commented that the list has a few bicycle and pedestrian projects. He added that his office is accepting comments regarding the VTP 2040 list.

**OTHER**

**13. Local Jurisdiction Project Review**

Member Cosyn provided information regarding the Highway 9 Safety Improvement Project which involves the Town of Los Gatos, City of Monte Sereno, and City of Saratoga. He requested that this item be agendaized for a future meeting.

Member Bell noted that the City of San Jose is compiling projects and comparing it to the Bicycle Expenditure Plan. The goal is to develop an updated map that can be translated into Google maps.

Vice Chairperson Goldstein announced that Stanford Hospital is expanding.

Chairperson Meyer stated that there is no new development for the San Antonio Shopping Center and San Antonio Road/Central Expressway project in Mountain View.

**14. BPAC Work Plan**

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

**15. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice Chairperson Goldstein announced that the updated Palo Alto Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan will be ready by this summer.

Member Muniz announced that Gilroy City Council supports its first Bicycle/Pedestrian map and the Safe Route to School program.

Member Sullivan announced that the City of Santa Clara will add bicycle lanes on Calabazas Street, between El Camino Real and Monroe Street.

Member Wiant announced that the Cupertino City Council will vote on its Bicycle Plan at its next meeting.

## **REGULAR AGENDA (continued)**

Member Wadler took his seat at 7:19 p.m.

### **10. VTP 2040 Initial Project Lists**

Ying Smith, Transportation Planning Manager, provided an overview of the staff report.

Members of the Committee expressed concern about the following: 1) more than 50 percent of the total cost of all program areas is under transit; and 2) bicycle projects represent only three percent of the program area.

The Committee provided the following recommendations:

1. Mary Avenue Extension – request for the bridge and the affected industrial area to have a direct bicycle and pedestrian access to the light rail station.
2. Need more specification on the list of projects.

**M/S/C (Wadler/Simons)** on a Roll Call Vote of 11 Ayes, to 1 No, and 0 Abstention, to recommend that the Board of Directors adopt the Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2040 initial project list for submittal to Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and priority be given to projects that meet the Complete Streets criteria and VTA Bicycle Technical Guidelines, as amended. Member Levin opposed.

Member Levin left the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

## **OTHER (continued)**

### **12. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) Report**

Member Wadler reported that the CAC approved the auditor's report. He noted that the CAC will hold a public hearing at the County Board of Supervisors Chambers on May 11, 2011 to present the auditor's report to the public.

**On order of Chairperson Meyer** and there being no objection, the Committee received the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) Report.

### **16. ADJOURNMENT**

**On order of Chairperson Meyer** and there being no objection, the Committee meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Diaresco  
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