



**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
and  
2000 MEASURE A CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, January 9, 2008

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) was called to order at 4:36 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Jacobvitz, in Conference Room B-104, Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present**

Don Burnett  
Ellen Fletcher  
Ray Hashimoto  
Roberta Hughan  
Robert Jacobvitz, Vice Chairperson  
(BOMA) –Silicon Valley  
Judi Kirkham  
Norman Kline  
Gaye Morando  
Commerce Coalition  
Margaret Okuzumi  
Sally Probst  
Connie Rogers  
Laura Stuchinsky  
Noel Tebo

**Members Absent**

Stephen Blaylock  
Chris Elias  
Charlotte Powers  
Martin Schulter, Chairperson

**Representing**

West Valley Cities  
Bicyclists  
Building Industry Association  
Santa Clara County  
Building Owners and Managers Association  
  
South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council  
Pedestrians  
Santa Clara County Chamber of  
  
North County Cities  
Senior Citizens  
South County Cities  
Silicon Valley Leadership Group  
City of San Jose

**Representing**

Mass Transit Users  
Environmentalists  
City of San Jose  
Disabled Persons

**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**

Jim Lawson, Senior Policy Advisor and Staff Liaison, provided a brief report highlighting: 1) VTA provided free service on New Year's Eve, 2) Board of Directors at their January 3, 2008 meeting approved the Local Streets & County Roads (LS&CR) Program, the Caltrain Service Upgrades Safety Improvements Project, the Rail Rehabilitation Downtown Transit Mall Project contract, and the TransLink® Ticket Vending Machine Integration project; 3) VTA's New Bus Plan scheduled for implementation on January 14, 2008, and 4) VTA partnering with Caltrain to operate the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Freedom Train on January 21, 2008.

Member Tebo expressed appreciation and thanked VTA for their diligent work and effort to inform the public of the New Bus Service Plan implementation.

**5. Chairperson's Report**

Vice Chairperson Jacobvitz referenced the 511 Take Transit Trip Planner service, noting that it is a valuable tool and urged members to utilize the trip planner service.

Vice Chairperson Jacobvitz introduced Norman Kline representing Pedestrians to the Committee.

**BUSINESS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/ GENERAL MANAGER**

**COMBINED CAC AND 2000 MEASURE A CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE CONSENT AGENDAS**

**6. Minutes of December 12, 2007**

M/S/C (Stuchinsky/Tebo) on a vote of 11 Ayes to 0 Noes to 1 Abstention to approve the Minutes of December 12, 2007. Member Fletcher abstained.

**7. CAC Quarterly Attendance Report**

**On order of Vice Chairperson Jacobvitz**, there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the CAC Quarterly Attendance Report.

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

## **CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA**

### **8. Election of CAC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2008**

Stephen Flynn, Senior Management Analyst, reported that this is the last step in the election of Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2008. Mr. Flynn stated that the elections are held separately. Mr. Flynn noted that the election results are effective immediately.

Member Okuzumi arrived at the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

**M/S/C (Burnett/Probst)** to accept the Nominating Committee Report for CAC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2008.

**M/S/C (Rogers/Probst)** to close the nominations and elect Noel Tebo as Citizens Advisory Committee Chairperson for calendar year 2008.

**M/S/C (Rogers/Morando)** to close the nominations and elect Robert Jacobvitz as Citizens Advisory Committee Vice Chairperson for calendar year 2008.

The Committee congratulated Chairperson Tebo and Vice Chairperson Jacobvitz.

Vice Chairperson Jacobvitz relinquished his seat to newly-elected Chairperson Tebo.

Stephen Flynn, Senior Management Analyst, distributed a letter to acknowledge and recognize 2007 CAC Chairperson Schuler for his diligent work and contributions to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC).

### **9. VTA Sustainability Program**

Tom Fitzwater, Environmental Planning Manager, reported on the VTA Sustainability Program, noting that VTA is implementing programs for the conservation of natural resources, the reduction of GHG, the prevention of pollution and the use of renewable energy and materials.

Mr. Fitzwater reported that the Fiscal Year 2008 and 2009 budgets include a total of \$3 million for “green sustainability facility improvements.” The purpose of the project was to assess and implement improvements at VTA facilities to address issues of environmental concern and energy efficiency.

Mr. Fitzwater stated that VTA’s Environmental Programs and Resource Management and Facilities Maintenance departments are responsible for identifying and implementing the green sustainability facility improvements with the assistance of an interdepartmental team. The team has initiated certifications of VTA as a Green Business with Santa Clara County and with the U.S. Green Building Council.

The team is also working with the Santa Clara Valley Water District and PG&E to conduct facility audits that identify no-cost and low-cost as well as larger capital investment projects that can be considered for implementation.

Member Probst stressed the importance to establish benchmarks to measure the progress of VTA's Sustainability Program. Member Probst and Chairperson Tebo requested a status report on VTA's Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) Pilot Program.

Member Okuzumi suggested VTA offer incentives to employees to encourage the use of non-motorize alternative ways to get to work.

**On order of Chairperson Tebo**, there being no objection, the Committee received the report on the VTA Sustainability Program.

#### **10. VTA Involvement with Fremont A's Ballpark Planning**

Tom Fitzwater, Environmental Planning Manager, reported on the VTA Involvement with Fremont A's Ballpark Planning, stating that on November 8, 2007 the Oakland A's submitted an application for a community specific plan. VTA staff has met with representatives of the Oakland A's to discuss running shuttles to the activities. He stated that the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process is long and estimates that the report will be available in March 2009.

Chairperson Tebo stated that the City of Fremont has requested information on the Oakland A's plan, noting that it is easier and less expensive to make changes in the beginning of a plan.

Member Burnett expressed concern that the facility will be far away from the BART system, noting that these concerns should be addressed at the beginning of the plan.

Member Rogers stated that the City of Fremont should implement strict policies that require that facilities must be located near public transit systems.

Member Okuzumi suggested that the Committee make a recommendation to the Board of Directors urging that they keep track of the plan and direct staff to provide input early at the beginning of the project plan.

Chairperson Tebo requested that staff develop a recommendation for the Committee to forward to the Board of Directors for consideration. Chairperson Tebo requested that VTA's Involvement with Fremont A's Ballpark Planning be agendized on the February 13, 2008 CAC meeting.

**On order of Chairperson Tebo**, there being no objection, the Committee received the presentation on VTA Involvement with Fremont A's Ballpark Planning.

#### **11. VTA Storm Water Planning Efforts**

Member Hashimoto inquired how VTA is dealing with the issues and challenges of permit requirements and regulations. Tom Fitzwater, Environmental Planning Manager, reported that VTA is required to develop a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan for Cerone, Chaboya, Guadalupe, and North Yards. Mr. Fitzwater stated that VTA's prevention plan must be consistent with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and adhere to the same requirements and regulations established in the system.

**On order of Chairperson Tebo**, there being no objection, the Committee received the presentation on the VTA Storm Water Planning Efforts.

**12. VTA Review of Proposed Gilroy Westfield Mall Project**

Member Rogers referenced the proposed Gilroy Westfield Mall Project and queried when the application would be reviewed by the Congestion Management Agency. Tom Fitzwater, Environmental Planning Manager, reported that a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the project was distributed on November 27, 2007.

Mr. Fitzwater reported that referrals for projects are forwarded to VTA's Development and Review Department to begin examination of the projects then forwarded to VTA's Operations Department to review route lines in the project area. Mr. Fitzwater stated that many cities are responsive and include public transit in the proposed project plans. He stressed the importance for proposed project plans to accommodate public transit.

The Committee stressed the importance to encourage cities to include walkability and public transit part of the development of proposed project plans.

The Committee stressed the importance to develop a document outlining project development guidelines to assist developers with their proposed project plans.

**On order of Chairperson Tebo**, there being no objection, the Committee received the presentation on the VTA Review of Proposed Gilroy Westfield Mall Project.

**13. VTA Input on Intermodal Rail/Truck Facilities**

Tom Fitzwater, Environmental Planning Manager, reported that VTA is not directly involved with Intermodal Rail/Truck Facilities since the organization does not have freight rail activities. Mr. Fitzwater stated that railroads instigate the development of the facilities to generate money.

Mr. Fitzwater stated that VTA supports the Intermodal Rail/Truck Facilities if they make sense, but noted that it is important to determine the facility sites to ensure that it will not cause congestion in the area.

**On order of Chairperson Tebo**, there being no objection, the Committee received the presentation on the VTA Input on Intermodal Rail/Truck Facilities.

**14. 2008 State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) and Related Actions**

Amin Surani, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the STIP is updated every two years and the next cycle will begin in August 2009. Mr. Surani stated that VTA staff recommends that the Board approve the following programming actions:

- De-program \$25.37 million from currently programmed STIP projects;
- Program \$2.133 million in STIP funds to Planning, Programming and Monitoring (PPM) activities for VTA and MTC;
- Program \$50.44 million in STIP funds to the Airport People Mover (APM) project a Measure A Transit Project; and
- Authorize allocation of \$50.44 million of 2000 Measure A funds to I-880 HOV Widening of SR-237 to US 101, US 101 Improvements – 280/680 to Tully Road, US 101 Improvements – Route 85 to Embarcadero Road, I-280 Soundwalls – Bird Avenue to Los Gatos Creek, I-680 Soundwalls – Capitol Expressway to Mueller Avenue, and Tasman East Light Rail Landscaping project.

**On order of Chairperson Tebo**, there being no objection, the Committee received the report on the 2008 State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) and Related Actions.

**15. Supplemental Report on Project Progress Prior to CWC Inception**

Stephen Flynn, Senior Management Analyst, reported that the Supplemental Report will provide a brief summary on the project progress from the first time funding was utilized to deliver 2000 Measure A Program projects through Fiscal Year 2005. The Supplemental Report could be published in the newspaper similar to the Fiscal Year 2006 CWC Annual Report or a smaller report could be published and reference VTA's website to receive the full report. Mr. Flynn suggested that the Committee consider the options and make a recommendation at the February 13, 2008 CAC meeting.

Member Stuchinsky stated that it would be beneficial to incorporate the current annual report into the Supplemental Report.

Member Okuzumi left the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The Committee recommended that the Supplemental Report be placed on VTA's website.

**M/S/C (Jacobvitz/Burnett)** to accept the recommendation to post a statement regarding the CWC Supplemental Report, a reference to the annual report, and upcoming reports on VTA's website.

## **COMBINED CAC AND CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE ITEMS**

**16. CAC and the 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Work Plan**

**On order of Chairperson Tebo**, there being no objection, the CAC and the 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Work Plan was reviewed.

**OTHER**

**17. Announcements**

There were no Announcements.

**18. ADJOURN**

**On order of Chairperson Tebo**, there being no objection, the Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle M. Garza, Board Assistant  
VTA Board of Directors