



CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
and
2000 MEASURE A CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE (CWC)

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) was called to order at 4:35 p.m., by Chairperson Tebo, in Conference Room B-104, VTA River Oaks Campus, 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

1. ROLL CALL

| Attendee Name | Title | Status |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Member Blaylock | CAC Member | Present |
| Member Elias | CAC Member | Present |
| Member Hashimoto | CAC Member | Present |
| Member Hughan | CAC Member | Present |
| Member Larsen | CAC Member | Present |
| Member Morando | CAC Member | Absent |
| Member Powers | CAC Member | Present |
| Member Probst | CAC Member | Present |
| Member Rogers | CAC Member | Present |
| Member Schulter | CAC Member | Present |
| Member Skinner | CAC Member | Present |
| Vice Chairperson Jacobvitz | CAC Vice Chairperson | Present |
| Chairperson Tebo | CAC Chairperson | 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. Report from the General Manager

Michael T. Burns, General Manager, met with the CAC/CWC to discuss VTA's additional \$70M budget shortfall. He noted the shortfall remains even after implementation of the: 1) fare increase; 2) service reductions; 3) deferrals; 4) salary reductions through furlough days; and 5) other staff-accumulated savings.

Mr. Burns noted VTA has used three basic tenets to address this current problem: 1) transit service preservation; 2) continued commitment toward infrastructure investment; and 3) job preservation.

Mr. Burns, addressing his remarks specifically to the CWC, discussed a request going before the Board at its meeting on December 10, 2009, wherein the Board will be asked to reduce appropriation in the Measure A Transit Improvement Program budget for the procurement of 40 articulated hybrid diesel electric buses by \$25.0 million from \$43.25 million to \$18.25 million and increase appropriation to direct such funds to support VTA operations.

Mr. Burns also noted a request for the Board to appoint an Ad-hoc Committee to develop recommendations for consideration at a future board meeting that will address VTA's structural deficit beyond FY 2011 to insure the continued sustainability of transit services in Santa Clara County.

5. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Tebo presented a plaque of commendation from the Citizens Advisory Committee to former, long-time CAC member Ellen Fletcher. He praised Ms. Fletcher for her commitment, advocacy and her near-perfect attendance record.

Michael T. Burns, General Manager, presented Ms. Fletcher with a plaque of commendation from the VTA Board of Directors. Mr. Burns expressed VTA's gratitude to Ms. Fletcher for her many years of dedicated service.

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

COMBINED CAC AND CWC CONSENT AGENDAS

6. Minutes of November 10, 2009

M/S/C (Powers/Hashimoto) to approve the Minutes of the November 10, 2009, Citizens Advisory Committee.

7. Monthly Legislative History Matrix

On order of Chairperson Tebo and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Monthly Legislative History Matrix.

8. Fiscal Year to Date 2010 First Quarter Transit Operations Performance Report

On order of Chairperson Tebo and there being no objection, the Committee received the Fiscal Year to Date 2010 First Quarter Transit Operations Performance Report.

9. VTP Highway Program Semi-Annual Report - October 2009

On order of Chairperson Tebo and there being no objection, the Committee received the VTP Highway Program Semi-Annual Report – October 2009.

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

**2000 MEASURE A CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE (CWC)
REGULAR AGENDA** (There were no Regular Items for the 2000 Measure A Citizens
Watchdog Committee.)

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) REGULAR AGENDA

10. Elections for CAC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2010

Nominating Subcommittee Member Hashimoto confirmed the nominees for CAC's 2010 Chairperson and Vice Chairperson as:

Chairperson: Member Powers and Member Larsen

Vice Chairperson: Vice Chairperson Jacobvitz, Member Larsen, and Member Skinner

Nominating Subcommittee Member Hashimoto noted both Member Larsen and Member Skinner had removed their names from consideration.

There were no nominations from the floor.

M/S/C (Rogers/Hashimoto) to close the nominations and elect Charlotte Powers as Citizens Advisory Committee Chairperson for calendar year 2010.

M/S/C (Rogers/Powers) to close the nominations and elect Robert Jacobvitz as Citizens Advisory Committee Vice Chairperson for calendar year 2010.

11. Proactive Congestion Management Program (CMP) Quarterly Report for July-September 2009

Robert Swierk, Senior Transportation Planner, presented the staff report.

On order of Chairperson Tebo and there being no objection, the Committee received a presentation on the Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for July through September 2009.

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

12. Light Rail System Analysis - Cost Benefit Overview

Andrew Ittigson, Senior Transportation Planner, presented the staff report.

Chairperson Tebo and Vice Chairperson Jacobvitz expressed concern that the light rail/bus system studies did not fully evaluate connections with destinations that they believe will generate significant ridership. Vice Chairperson Jacobvitz requested an item be added to the CAC/CWC Work Plan to discuss this further.

On order of Chairperson Tebo and there being no objection, the Committee received a presentation on the Light Rail System Analysis – Cost Benefit Overview.

Member Skinner left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

13. Advisory Committee Enhancement Process Recommendations

Greta Helm, Chief External Affairs Officer and Staff Liaison, discussed the newly revised Advisory Committee Enhancement Process Recommendations.

VTA's Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) members Herman Wadler and David Simons addressed the CAC with regard to BPAC's meeting schedule.

Messrs. Simons and Wadler confirmed that BPAC will reduce its meeting schedule from twelve (12) to a maximum of six (6) regular Board Office supported meetings per year. BPAC will have the option to hold four (4) workshops/study sessions per year, which do not require full Board Office support, as there will be no action taken at the meeting. A minimum of two meetings per year will be cancelled. If any of the six regular meetings do not require action, there is the option to either cancel or convert the meeting to a workshop/study session. Workshops and meeting cancellations will be publicly noticed in compliance with the Brown Act.

M/S/C (Powers/Larsen) to recommend that the Board of Directors approve modifications to the advisory committee process.

14. 2010 Legislative Program

Kurt Evans, Government Affairs Manager, provided the staff report.

M/S/C (Powers/Rogers) to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the 2010 Legislative Program for the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA).

COMBINED CAC AND CWC ITEMS

15. CAC and CWC Work Plans

On order of Chairperson Tebo and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Citizens Advisory Committee and Citizens Watchdog Committee Work Plans.

OTHER

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

17. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Tebo and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Garcia, Board Assistant
Office of the Board Secretary