



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

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) was called to order at 4:30 p.m., by Chairperson Powers, in Conference Room B-104, VTA River Oaks Campus, 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Stephen Blaylock	CAC Member	Present
Chris Elias	CAC Member	Absent
Ray Hashimoto	CAC Member	Present
Roberta Hughan	CAC Member	Present
Robert Jacobvitz	CAC Vice Chair	Present
Erik Larsen	CAC Member	Absent
Bruce Liedstrand	CAC Member	Present
Gaye Morando	CAC Member	Absent
Charlotte Powers	CAC Chair	Present
Sally Probst	CAC Member	Present
Connie Rogers	CAC Member	Present
Martin Schulter	CAC Member	Absent
Peter Skinner	CAC Member	Present
Noel Tebo	CAC Member	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

Greta Helm, Chief External Affairs Officer and Staff Liaison, reported: 1) Governor Schwarzenegger's proposed budget submitted on January 8, 2010, included proposals having negative impacts on transportation; 2) the Mercury News and the Bay Area News Group have produced a series of articles on the plight of public transit; 3) the Chair has requested CAC members receive emails with media clips provided to the Board, as well as the Legislative Weekly Report prepared by Kurt Evans, Government Affairs Manager.

At its January meeting, the Board approved: 1) the Advisory Committee Enhancement (ACE) Task Force recommendations; 2) establishment of an Ad-Hoc Financial Recovery Committee to look at additional strategies; and 3) service modifications that were implemented on January 11, 2010.

U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer will visit VTA on Friday, January 15, 2010, to meet with Board and VTA staff to discuss the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Program.

5. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Powers reviewed with the Committee the Ad-Hoc Financial Recovery Committee, noting Robert Jacobvitz will represent the CAC.

Chairperson Powers introduced the CAC's newest member, Bruce Liedstrand, and requested Member Liedstrand provide a brief introduction to the Committee.

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COMBINED CAC AND CWC CONSENT AGENDAS

6. Minutes of December 9, 2009

M/S/C (Jacobvitz/Probst) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2009.

7. CAC Quarterly Attendance Report

On order of Chairperson Powers and there being no objection, the Committee received the CAC Quarterly Attendance Report.

8. Monthly Legislative History Matrix

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

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

2000 MEASURE A CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA

9. CWC Duties, Responsibilities & Limitations

Stephen Flynn, Senior Management Analyst, provided the staff report.

On order of Chairperson Powers and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Citizens Watchdog Committee's ballot-specified duties, responsibilities and limitations.

Vice Chairperson Jacobvitz left the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

10. Compliance Auditor Kickoff of FY09 Audit

Craig Boyer, CPA, Macias, Gini and O'Connell, LLP provided an overview of the projected scope of the Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009) Audit.

On order of Chairperson Powers and there being no objection, the Committee received a briefing from the 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee's independent compliance auditor on the draft audit plan and schedule for performing the compliance audit of FY09.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA

11. Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) 2010

Jason Tyree, provided a Power Point Presentation highlighting: 1) VTA Valley Transportation Plan 2035; 2) MTC Regional Transportation Plan 2035; 3) VTA Short Range Transit Plan 2019; 4) VTA 2-Year Budget; and 5) VTA Transit Improvement Program.

Mr. Tyree reported on the: 1) Structure of the Document; 2) System-wide Performance: FY09 vs. FY08; 3) Operating Forecast; 4) Operating Forecast: Sales Tax Projection; 5) Operating Forecast: Sales Tax Revenue Projection; 6) Operation Forecast: Operating Cost Measures; 7) Operating Forecast: 15% Reserve Policy; 8) Capital Improvement Program; 9) Highlighted Project in Capital Improvement Program; and 10) Next Steps.

Member Liedstrand noted three concern areas for him: 1) using up the core fund to the extent that VTA's fund balance is drawn down to the minimum 15% reserve requirement, thereby removing VTA's operating cushion; 2) the use of federal preventive maintenance funds on operations (from 2010 through 2017) instead of on preventive maintenance; and 3) the financial model's assumptions regarding energy costs, particularly the assumptions of the price of diesel fuel. Members expressed concern that the projected price is too low and there is significant risk to VTA if diesel prices were to increase above VTA's projected price.

M/S/C (Skinner/Tebo) to adopt the 2010 Short Range Transit Plan with an amendment to note Members of the Committee expressed concern with: 1) using up the core fund to the extent that VTA's fund balance is drawn down to the minimum 15% reserve

requirement, thereby removing VTA's operating cushion; 2) the use of federal preventive maintenance funds on operations (from 2010 through 2017) instead of on preventive maintenance; and 3) the financial model's assumptions regarding energy costs, particularly the assumptions of the price of diesel fuel. Members expressed concern that the projected price is too low and there is significant risk to VTA if diesel prices were to increase above VTA's projected price.

12. SR 237/I-880 Express Connectors - Operational Procedures

Murali Ramanujam, Senior Transportation Engineer, provided a PowerPoint Presentation highlighting: 1) Timeline; 2) Silicon Valley Express Lanes Operations; 3) Electronic Toll System Design; 4) Joint Users Agreement; 5) Customer Service; SR 237-I-880 Express Connectors Project Schedule; and 6) I-580 Express Lanes East Bay.

Member Skinner left the meeting at 5:58 p.m.,
the quorum was lost, and a Committee of the Whole was declared.

On order of Chairperson Powers and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received an updated on SR 237/I-880 Express Connectors operation policies.

COMBINED CAC AND CWC COMMITTEE ITEMS

13. Citizens Advisory Committee and Citizens Watchdog Committee Work Plans

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

OTHER

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

15. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Powers and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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