



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

Wednesday, November 10, 2010

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) / 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by Chairperson Powers, in Conference Room B-104, VTA River Oaks Campus, 3331 North First Street, San José, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Jeremy Barousse	CAC Member	Present
Stephen Blaylock	CAC Member	Present
Clinton Brownley	CAC Member	Absent
Bena Chang	CAC Member	Present
Chris Elias	CAC Member	Present
Ray Hashimoto	CAC Member	Present
Roberta Hughan	CAC Member	Present
Robert Jacobvitz	CAC Vice Chairperson	Present
Bruce Liedstrand	CAC Member	Present
Aaron Morrow	CAC Member	Absent
Charlotte Powers	CAC Chairperson	Present
Sally Probst	CAC Member	Present
Connie Rogers	CAC Member	Present
Martin Schulter	CAC Member	Present
Noel Tebo	CAC Member	Present
Herman Wadler	CAC Member	Present

A quorum was present.

2. ORDERS OF THE DAY

Chairperson Powers noted Agenda Item #9, State Transportation Improvement Program Amendment, will follow the Chairperson’s report.

M/S/C (Probst/Hashimoto) to approve the 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) The Board extended the discussion of the Ad-Hoc Financial Recovery Committee (Ad-Hoc FRC) Final Report from the October 22, 2010, Board Workshop to its December 9, 2010, meeting, therefore the December 8, 2010, Joint Advisory Budget Workshop has been cancelled; 2) The advisory committees will receive a budget briefing in January; and 3) The Draft 2011 CAC/CWC meeting calendar has been distributed to the Committee for review and comment.

Report from the General Manager

Michael T. Burns, General Manager, reported: 1) FY2010 ended with a \$16 million operating balance that will carry over to FY2011; and 2) A \$13 million operating balance is projected for the end of FY2011, including \$50 million in fully-funded operation reserves; 3) During FY2010 VTA enacted service cuts, increased fares, requested union concessions, established efficiencies within the organization, and cut the expense budget by \$35 million from what was originally budgeted; 4) sales tax revenues for the first half of FY2010 were down, but rebounded more than anticipated by the second half; 5) There are longer-term issues associated with benefit, labor, healthcare and retirement costs; 6) The Ad-Hoc FRC approved a strategy for dealing with the longer term financial issue by setting ranges among specific expense categories that will be established through the budget process and labor negotiations; 7) The unions engaged Harvey M. Rose Associates, LLC (Harvey Rose) to review VTA's assumptions; 8) Staff will review and respond to the Harvey Rose report at the December 9, 2010, board meeting; and 9) The plan is to adopt a budget for the next two fiscal years in the May 2010 timeframe.

Member Chang took her seat at 4:39 p.m.

Mr. Burns announced service updates including: 1) Twenty of the first 70 hybrid buses are now in service, with the balance due for delivery by December 2010; 2) In October 2010 the Express Light Rail Service was implemented with three express trains running in the morning and the afternoon; 3) Cisco Systems, Inc. is discussing changes with VTA, which can potentially increase express train ridership; 4) The addition of Wi-Fi on the express trains has been well received; 5) VTA is looking to add Wi-Fi to the bus system, initially targeting the express buses; and 6) There will be a complete assessment of the express train service in the near future with positive results expected.

Member Elias took his seat at 4:42 p.m.
Member Schuller took his seat at 4:45 p.m.

Mr. Burns reported: 1) Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) submissions have been completed for the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) project for authorization to begin final design; 2) VTA is on a path to be recommended for a full funding grant

agreement in the February/March 2011 timeframe; 3) Approximately \$600 - \$700 million in bonds will be issued to support the Measure A program; and 4) The bonds are priced at a straight fixed cost of approximately 3.8 percent, compared to VTA's long-term assumptions of 5.5 percent, a tremendous savings.

Mr. Burns stated: 1) The 101/Tully Interchange reconstruction contract has been awarded with an anticipated groundbreaking within the next few weeks; and 2) Very competitive bids have been received for the Blossom Hill Pedestrian Overcrossing. Staff is reviewing the bids and anticipates submitting a contract award to the Board for approval at its December 9, 2010, meeting.

Mr. Burns reported on two near-term projects that will be brought before the Board during the January to March 2011 timeframe: 1) The Real Time Information Project allowing access to arrival schedules; and 2) The Clipper Card, to be introduced by VTA initially for monthly passes in March 2011, with the ultimate goal of accommodating all fare categories by the end of 2011.

5. **Chairperson's Report**

There was no Chairperson's Report.

Presentation to Former CAC Member Gaye Morando

A commendation was presented to Former CAC Member Gaye Morando by Chairperson Powers, Vice Chairperson Jacobvitz and Mr. Burns.

4. **Committee Staff Report (continued)**

Post-Election Results and Possible Effects

Scott Haywood, Policy and Community Relations Manager, provided the staff report.

The Agenda was taken out of order.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA

10. **Sustainable Communities Strategy activities as part of the implementation of SB 375**

Scott Haywood, Policy and Community Relations Manager, provided the staff report.

Ms. Helm reminded the Committee that with the passing of Measure D in November 2008, the CWC is now responsible for reviewing the transit element of this regional plan.

On order of Chairperson Powers and there being no objection, the Committee received an update on the Sustainable Communities Strategy activities as part of the implementation of SB 375.

9. **State Transportation Improvement Program Amendment**

Marcella Rensi, Transportation Planning Manager, provided the staff report.

Vice Chairperson Jacobvitz left his seat at 5:40 p.m.

Member Tebo expressed his concern with the wording of the recommendation. He noted the importance of ensuring that the Airport People Mover, a Measure A Project, does not lose its status for future funding.

Members of the Committee proposed an additional request to the recommendation that the Airport People Mover be tracked within the CWC's annual audit.

M/S/C (Tebo/Wadler) to recommend that the Board of Directors amend the 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Program for Santa Clara County reprogramming \$50.44 Million to the Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Project - Berryessa Extension from the Airport People Mover Project. Authorize funding the Airport People Mover Project in the 2012-2013 Measure A Capital Budget with the additional request that the CWC independent auditor be instructed to continue to track funding for the People Mover project in the annual audit.

Member Tebo left the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

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6. Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2010

M/S/C (Rogers/Hashimoto) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2010.

7. Monthly Legislative History Matrix

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

Vice Chairperson Jacobvitz took his seat at 5:50 p.m.

5. Chairperson's Report (continued)

High-Speed Rail Political & Governance Dynamics

Rod Diridon Sr., Chair of the Intercity and High Speed Rail Committee American Public Transit Association and Member/Chair Emeritus of the California High Speed Rail Authority, provided a PowerPoint presentation entitled *High Speed Rail: The Fast Track to Sustainability*.

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

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There were no items on the CWC Regular Agenda.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA (continued)

8. Nomination Subcommittee Report

Member Probst reported the nominees listed below have agreed to have their names put up for consideration:

Candidate for Chairperson: Charlotte Powers

Candidate for Vice Chairperson: Robert Jacobvitz

On order of Chairperson Powers and there being no objection, the Committee received the Nomination Subcommittee Report.

11. Proactive Congestion Management Program (CMP) Quarterly Report for July through September 2010

On order of Chairperson Powers and there being no objection, the Committee received the Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for July through September 2010.

12. Citizen Advisory Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for Calendar Year 2011

There were no nominations from the floor.

M/S/C (Wadler/Rogers) to close the nominations and elect Charlotte Powers as Citizens Advisory Committee Chairperson for calendar year 2011.

M/S/C (Wadler/Rogers) to close the nominations and elect Robert Jacobvitz as Citizens Advisory Committee Vice Chairperson for calendar year 2011.

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13. Citizens Advisory Committee and Citizens Watchdog Committee Work Plans

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

OTHER

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is no CAC/CWC meeting scheduled for December 2010.

15. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Powers, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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