

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

February 9, 2011

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) was called to order at 4:33 p.m. by Chairperson Powers, Conference Room B-104, VTA River Oaks Campus, 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

**1. ROLL CALL**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
Jeremy Barousse	CAC Member	Present
Stephen Blaylock	CAC Member	Present
Clinton Brownley	CAC Member	Present
Bena Chang	CAC Member	Present
Chris Elias	CAC Member	Present
William Hadaya	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**

There were no orders of the day.

**3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

There were no Public Presentations.

#### **4. Committee Staff Report**

##### **Report from the General Manager**

Michael T. Burns, General Manager, stated that he would be addressing the Committee in their role as the Citizens Advisory Committee as well as the Citizens Watchdog Committee.

Member Hashimoto took his seat at 4:34 p.m.

Mr. Burns reported: 1) The budget continues with a stable outlook: a) Six-month actuals show an approximate \$15 million operating balance projected to the end of the year; and b) The last fiscal year ended with a positive balance; 2) The Board approved a 20-year agreement with SunPower Corporation for the installation of solar panels to supply the complete electrical needs for the three VTA bus yards; 3) The Clipper Card soft-launch will be instituted on February 16; 4) The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) should provide approval on the BART final design by the end of February 2011 and a full-funding-grant agreement with the FTA is expected by 2011 year-end; 5) A strategic plan for the Express Bus Service will be presented to the Board at its March 2011 meeting and if approved the plan will be brought before the CWC.

Member Hadaya took his seat at 4:39 p.m.

Mr. Burns provided an update on Caltrain's current financial situation. He noted Caltrain's funding problem is due to the financial issues of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans). Mr. Burns: 1) defined the agreement between the three partner agencies, SamTrans, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) and VTA; 2) identified possible funding strategies for consideration by the three partner agencies; and 3) reported on VTA's participation with the Silicon Valley Leadership Group and other stakeholders to determine a longer-term solution to the Caltrain funding problem.

Member Chang took her seat at 4:50 p.m.

Member Schuler took his seat at 4:50 p.m.

Member Barousse took his seat at 4:54 p.m.

Mr. Burns referenced the Caltrain update provided to the Board at its February 3, 2011, meeting and shared with members of the CWC. He noted the Board has asked that staff return to the Board with action items.

Member Elias took his seat at 5:05 p.m.

Member Liedstrand noted he had thoughts on how to create a mid-to-long-term funding mechanism in cooperation with the cities. Mr. Burns noted staff would be in contact with Member Liedstrand.

Bena Chang reported on the success of the Caltrain Summit held in partnership with VTA. She noted over 80 suggestions were received. Ms. Chang stated financial and political consultants would be hired to review and determine the amount each of the suggested revenue sources would actually generate. She reported the items requiring voter approval would be field tested to determine interest levels. Chairperson Powers

noted that she, as well as Members Liedstrand and Tebo, had attended the Caltrain Summit.

Greta Helm, Chief External Affairs Officer and Staff Liaison, provided a brief staff report highlighting: 1) The 101/Tully Interchange Project is now underway; 2) VTA launched the new Airport Flyer hybrid buses; 3) Airport Flyer advertising can be found within the airport terminals and baggage areas; 4) VTA is appealing to the advisory committees to promote VTA among their families and friends. Each member will receive survey cards and 10 bus tokens, nine to be distributed to family and friends, with the request that the token holders ride a bus and provide feedback on their experience.

**5. Chairperson's Report**

Chairperson Powers noted she had attended the San José City Council meeting where they approved the conceptual plan for the Diridon Station master plan.

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

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

**6. Regular Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2011**

M/S/C (Rogers/Hashimoto) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2011.

**7. Monthly Legislative History Matrix**

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

**2000 MEASURE A CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE REGULAR  
AGENDA**

**8. Measure A Semi-Annual Report - December 2010**

Mark Robinson, Chief Engineering & Construction Officer, provided the staff report.

Member Chang referenced the El Camino Real Rapid Transit and noted she had attended a San José neighborhood meeting where neighborhood leaders from the Alameda Corridor were discussing their completed bicycle and pedestrian improvements. She encouraged staff to work with these community leaders, early on, to make sure that VTA can leverage the work that has already been completed and thinking through how Alameda will look in the future.

**On order of Chairperson Powers** and there being no objection, the Committee received the Measure A Semi-Annual Report - December 2010.

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

## **CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA**

### **9. Gilroy High Speed Train Station Comparative Visioning Project**

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

Member Liedstrand stated there is a regional issue regarding the location of High Speed Rail (HSR) stations. He reported the question as whether HSR should connect existing city centers or be placed in a rural location, thereby drawing economic energy out of the city center. Member Liedstrand stated performing the study could legitimize green-field development and therefore he could not support the funding.

Member Rogers noted the importance of defining what the impact would be in either of the proposed locations.

Member Chang echoed Member Leidstrand's green-field development concerns and stated the Silicon Valley Leadership Group does not encourage expanding outside of existing downtown stations.

Vice Chairperson Jacobvitz noted his belief that the study needs to be performed. Member Chang stated it was fine to support the study to prove that the downtown location was the best location.

**M/S/C (Hughan/Jacobvitz) on a vote of 15 ayes to 1 no to 0 abstentions** to recommend the programming of \$150,000 in Local Program Reserve (LPR) funds for the Gilroy High Speed Train Station Comparative Visioning project. Member Liedstrand Opposed.

### **10. Valley Transportation Plan 2040 Planning Activities**

Chris Augenstein, Deputy Director Planning, provided the staff report.

**On order of Chairperson Powers** and there being no objection, the Committee received an update on the planning activities as part of the development of Valley Transportation Plan 2040 (VTP 2040).

### **11. Silicon Valley Express Lanes Program**

Murali Ramanujam, Senior Transportation Engineer, provided the staff report.

**On order of Chairperson Powers** and there being no objection, the Committee received an update on the most recent activities of the Silicon Valley Express Lanes Program and previewed items that will be brought to the VTA Board of Directors for consideration in the near future.

### **12. Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for Oct – Dec 2010**

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

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

## COMBINED CAC AND CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE ITEMS

### 13. Citizens Advisory Committee and Citizens Watchdog Committee Work Plans

The Auditors will bring their report to the April meeting.

**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

Vice Chairperson Jacobvitz announced that Bill Sherry, Director of Aviation, Norman Y. Mineta International Airport, will be the speaker for the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) March membership luncheon.

### 15. ADJOURNMENT

**On order of Chairperson Powers** and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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