



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

August 10, 2011

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Chairperson Powers, in 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	Member	Absent
Stephen Blaylock	Member	Absent
Clinton Brownley	Member	Present
Bena Chang	Member	Present
Chris Elias	Member	Present
William Hadaya	Member	Present
Ray Hashimoto	Member	Present
Roberta Hughan	Member	Present
Robert Jacobvitz	Vice Chairperson	Present
Aaron Morrow	Member	Present
Charlotte Powers	Chairperson	Present
Sally Probst	Member	Present
Connie Rogers	Member	Present
Martin Schulter	Member	Present
Noel Tebo	Member	Present
Herman Wadler	Member	Absent

**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) On July 15, 2011, VTA launched free 4G WiFi Internet connectivity on all VTA light rail vehicles; 2) VTA is replacing its existing fareboxes with new fareboxes that have smartcard capability; 3) VTA's participation in National Night Out events to educate the public about the safe VTA experience; 4) Marketing initiatives in the coming months to build ridership; 5) For the month of June, system-wide-average-weekday ridership increased by 7.1%; 6) So Cool Pass – a 3-month pass VTA is offering for the price of 2 months; 7) VTA is in partnership with San Jose Jazz Festival, encouraging festival attendees to take VTA; 8) Metropolitan Transportation Commission Governance Bill – Bay Area Regionalism Hearing on September 13th at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Helm will provide details to the Committee as they become available; and 9) Staff is working with the CAC/CWC Chair to prepare a video regarding the Measure A Program and audit results.

#### **5. Chairperson's Report**

Chairperson Powers reported on: 1) roadblocks for the bill to add San Jose and Oakland to the MTC Board; and 2) the July CAC/CWC Clipper Card/BART tour.

Member Schulner took his seat at 4:48 p.m.

Chairperson Powers reported that Member Liedstrand had resigned his position on the CAC/CWC.

### **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 June 8, 2011**

M/S/C (Chang/Hashimoto) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2011.

#### **7. Monthly Legislative History Matrix**

M/S/C (Chang/Hashimoto) to review the Monthly Legislative History Matrix.

#### **8. VTP Highway Program Semi-Annual Report**

M/S/C (Chang/Hashimoto) to receive the VTP Highway Program Semi-Annual Report.

**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

*There were no items for the 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee Regular Agenda.*

### CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA

#### 9. **I-680 Express Lane Project**

Murali Ramanujam, Transportation Engineering Manager, provided the staff report.

**On order of Chairperson Powers** and there being no objection, the Committee received an update on the I-680 Express Lane project.

#### 10. **Valley Transportation Plan, Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy activities**

John Sighamony, Senior Transportation Planner, provided the staff report.

**On order of Chairperson Powers** and there being no objection, the Committee received a verbal update on the Valley Transportation Plan, Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy activities.

#### 11. **Metropolitan Transportation Commission's "One Bay Area" Grant proposal in the context of the VTA Board's adopted Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategies (RTP/SCS) principles**

Amin Surani, Principal Transportation Planner, provided the staff report.

Members of the Committee noted their support of VTA's regional approach of comingling transportation and housing.

Members of the Committee noted their support of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's proposal to program transit-oriented development funds to support low-income housing within the transit-oriented development area and expressed their desire that this message be conveyed to the Board. Member Chang expressed her opinion that funding for transportation should not be used for housing.

Staff acknowledged the importance of low-income housing, but noted, with diminishing federal and state transportation funds, monies earmarked for transportation should be used strictly for transportation. Staff noted the Committee's comments would be conveyed to the Board during the Standing Committee Meetings.

Member Chang noted the Silicon Valley Leadership Group is working hard to find and/or increase funding for affordable housing.

Members of the Committee noted they did not want affordable housing to be overlooked.

**On order of Chairperson Powers** and there being no objection, the Committee discussed the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's "One Bay Area" Grant proposal in the context of the VTA Board's adopted Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategies (RTP/SCS) principles.

Member Hadaya left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**12. Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for April through June 2011**

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 April through June 2011.

**COMBINED CAC AND CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE ITEMS**

**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**

**12. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Announcements.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**On order of Chairperson Powers** and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Garcia, Board Assistant  
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