



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

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

**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**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
Jeremy Barousse	Member	Absent
Stephen Blaylock	Member	Present
Clinton Brownley	Member	Present
Bena Chang	Member	Present
Chris Elias	Member	Present
William Hadaya	Member	Absent
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, noted that the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee scheduled an informational hearing on “Bay Area Regionalism” for September 13, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., in Wing Rooms 118-120, San Jose City Hall.

- **Report from the General Manager**

Michael T. Burns, General Manager, provided a report, highlighting: 1) VTA’s overall system-wide ridership increased 2.6 percent for July 2011 compared to July 2010; 2) Marketing efforts to increase ridership; 3) Board of Directors approved labor agreements with Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 521 and Transportation Authority Engineers and Architects Association (TAEA), IFPTE, Local 21 at their September 1, 2011 meeting; 4) Caltrain Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2013; 5) Continued increase in Caltrain ridership; 6) Caltrain Board of Directors approved the operating contract with TransitAmerica; 7) Capacity study conducted for a blended Caltrain/High Speed Rail service on the Peninsula; 8) Transportation bill authorization; 9) Status of BART Berryessa Extension Project; 10) Measure A sales tax measures and bonds reaffirmed at existing rating, noting VTA’s rating was not downgraded; and 11) Future conversion of VTA’s monthly passes to the Clipper Card™.

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

Member Elias reiterated his comments made at the June 8, 2011 meeting and commended Mr. Burns and VTA staff for the hard work and sacrifices made to improve VTA’s financial situation, making VTA the only financially stable transit agency in the region. On behalf of the Committee, Member Elias acknowledged Mr. Burns for his leadership.

Mr. Burns thanked the Committee and commented that VTA is a top notch workforce and everyone has the best interest of the organization.

**On order of Chairperson Powers** and there being no objection, the Committee Staff Report was received.

#### 5. **Chairperson’s Report**

Chairperson Powers provided a report, highlighting: 1) availability of the 2000 Measure A Transit Improvement Program Citizens Watchdog Committee Annual Report on Fiscal Year 2010. Committee Members were informed to request copies from staff and encouraged to share the report with their constituent groups; and 2) referenced letter of appreciation to former Member Bruce Liedstrand, noting his recent resignation from the Committee.

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

**The Agenda was taken out of order.**

### **CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA**

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

Members of the Committee expressed interest in the legislation on High Speed Rail and questioned the status of Assembly Bill 57 (Beall) – Metropolitan Transportation Commission: Governance.

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

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

#### **6. Regular Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2011**

M/S/C (Tebo/Brownley) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2011.

#### **7. (Removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Citizens Advisory Committee Regular Agenda.)**

Review the Monthly Legislative History Matrix.

#### **8. Citizens Advisory Committee Quarterly Attendance Report**

M/S/C (Tebo/Brownley) to receive the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Quarterly Attendance Report.

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

#### **9. 2000 Measure A Transit Improvement Program Semi-Annual Report – June 2011**

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

Members of the Committee made the following comments: 1) questioned the monitoring of projects utilizing Measure A funds through a fund exchange; 2) recommended information be provided to the Committee in an easy to read format; and 3) expressed concern regarding bicycle access along Capitol Expressway.

**On order of Chairperson Powers** and there being no objection, the Committee received the Semi-Annual Report for the 2000 Measure A Transit Improvement Program through June 2011.

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

## **CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA (Continued)**

### **10. 2011 Transportation System Monitoring Program Report**

Eugene Maeda, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a presentation entitled, “2011 Transportation Systems Monitoring Program (TSMP) Draft Report,” highlighting: 1) Background and Purposes; 2) Selected Transportation System Measures; 3) Key Findings; 4) Pavement Conditions; 5) Roadside Assets; 6) Roadway Litter, Vegetation Management and Landscaping; 7) Bridge Conditions; 8) Freeway and Intersection Traffic Conditions; 9) Bicycle Mobility; 10) Other Transportation Systems Monitored; and 11) Potential Future Measures.

Member Elias left the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

**M/S/C (Probst/Brownley)** to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors accept the findings from the 2011 Transportation System Monitoring Program report.

### **11. Eco Pass Program Evaluation**

Kevin Connolly, Transportation Planning Manager, provided a presentation entitled, “2011 Eco Pass Evaluation,” highlighting: 1) Study Context; 2) Pass Program Comparison; 3) Eco Pass Major Subscribers; 4) Eco Pass Evaluation – Project Overview; and 5) Project Schedule.

Members of the Committee made the following comments: 1) expressed the excellence of the program; 2) questioned the monitoring of Eco Passes sold via the internet; 3) invited VTA staff to provide the presentation at Silicon Valley Leadership Group (SVLG) committee meetings; and 4) encouraged VTA to consider providing group discounts for non-employers and/or residential developments.

Upon query of Members of the Committee, staff noted the following: 1) VTA will be administering surveys to Eco Pass administrators to determine the number and frequency of Eco Pass users; and 2) process used to collect Eco Pass usage data on buses. Members of the Committee offered SVLG assistance for soliciting survey responses from employers.

**On order of Chairperson Powers** and there being no objection, the Committee received the announcement on Eco Pass Program Evaluation.

## **COMBINED CAC AND CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE ITEMS**

### **12. 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**

### **13. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice Chairperson Jacobvitz announced his retirement at the end of the year.

### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

**On order of Chairperson Powers** and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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