



COMMITTEE FOR TRANSIT ACCESSIBILITY

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Committee for Transit Accessibility (CTA) was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Chairperson Tamez in Building A, Auditorium, Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Anthony Drummond, staff aide representing Ex-Officio Board Liaison Forrest Williams
Emma Eljas
Linda Gallo
Sandra Gouveia
David Grant
Katie Heatley (Ex-Officio)
Troy Hernandez
Marjorie Jensen
David Julian
Martin Lasich
Thomas Slack
Barbara Stahl
Randy Tamez, Chairperson

Members Absent

Aaron Morrow, First Vice Chairperson
Laura Michels
Barbara Rhodes, Second Vice Chairperson

A quorum was not present and a Committee of the Whole was declared.

2. INTRODUCTION OF AUDIENCE MEMBERS

The Committee received introductions from the audience including: Ann Carey, Executive Assistant to the General Manager; Jerry Mikolajczyk, Chief Financial Officer; Edna Pampy, Operations Senior Management Analyst; Nancy Coss-Fitzwater,

Operations Policy and Administrative Manager; Paulette Mulligan, Accessible Services Representative; Jim Unites, Operations Planning Program Manager; Larry Saltman, City of San Jose Senior Citizens Commission; Patrick Griffin, Customer Service Supervisor; and Dan Smith, Chief Operating Officer.

Member Jensen arrived and took her seat at 1:03 p.m. and the quorum was declared.

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no Public Presentations.

4. Minutes of August 8, 2007

Member Julian noted a correction to the August 8, 2007 CTA Meeting Minutes and referenced Page 11 of 12, Paragraph 2, noting Member Julian returned to his seat at 2:50 p.m.

M/S/C (Eljas/Gouveia) to approve the Minutes of August 8, 2007.

5. Summary Minutes of September 12, 2007

On order of Chairperson Tamez, there being no objection, the Committee accepted the Summary Minutes of September 12, 2007.

6. Chief Operating Officer Update Report

Dan Smith, Chief Operating Officer, provided a brief follow up on the September 12, 2007 CTA Meeting. Mr. Smith referenced the September 4, 2007 Customer CARE Complaint No. 64768, noting that Customer Service responded to the complaint and an Operations Supervisor spoke with the operator regarding the incident.

Mr. Smith stated that the October 10, 2007 CTA Agenda includes several items raised at previous CTA meetings, Agenda Item # 7. Transit Elevator Announcements, Agenda Item #8. Space Park Bus Shelter, Agenda Item # 9. Mobility Options Program, and Agenda Item # 10. CTA Motion Tracking Information. He stated that Agenda Item # 7. Transit Elevator Announcements and Agenda Item # 9. Mobility Options Program are aimed to improve accessibility with VTA's Transit Services.

Mr. Smith reported that a new bus shelter was installed on October 28, 2007 at Space Park in the City of Santa Clara. He continued that the southbound stop has many complications that prevent the installation of a bus shelter and remain compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Guideline Regulations.

Mr. Smith continued that staff has looked at options to relocate the bus stop; however, there are no other suitable locations at either direction on Space Park.

Mr. Smith reported that the CTA Committee Motion Tracking Table has been modified to include the following columns: CTA Meeting date, CTA Item, Status of Item, CTA Action, and VTA Board/Staff Action. Mr. Smith stated that the table includes the CTA Motions made from 2005 to the present date. He stated that staff will continue to work on the Motion Tracking Table format to ensure that it is agreeable to the Committee.

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

Mr. Smith commented that the CTA Workplan will be a standing item on the CTA Agenda. He reported that requests to have items placed on the CTA Agenda have been sent to the Office of the Board Secretary and suggested that items be presented at CTA meetings to ensure that the Committee has the opportunity to decide if and when items are scheduled on the CTA Workplan.

Mr. Smith continued that the October 18, 2007 Transit Planning and Operations (TPO) Committee meeting has several items of interest to the CTA, including: an agenda item on a policy that limits or prohibits Advisory Committee members from rendering services for compensation to VTA, an item to discuss CTA Issues, and an item to receive the RIDE Task Force Recommendations Annual Update. He added that the Report on the Committee for Transit Accessibility (CTA) meeting is a standing item on the Transit Planning and Operations (TPO) Agenda.

Mr. Smith reported that staff is preparing to provide the CTA Committee with updates on the following items:

- Paratransit Service area impacts relating to the Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA);
- Mainstreaming Individuals with Disabilities into VTA;
- Community Bus Vehicle Replacement Procedures;
- Fiscal Year 2007 Preliminary Annual Performance Report;
- Dynamic Passenger Information Project; and
- VTA's Draft Accessibility Document Policy.

Mr. Smith reported that the November 7, 2007 CTA Meeting Agenda will include the appointment of a Nominating Committee for CTA Chairperson, First Vice Chairperson, and Second Vice Chairperson for 2008 with elections scheduled for the December 12, 2007 CTA Meeting.

Member Stahl expressed concern regarding to wait until the next CTA meeting to request that items be placed on the CTA Workplan.

Chairperson Tamez stressed the importance for the Committee and Chairperson to place items on the CTA Agenda, which are within the Committee's jurisdiction since the items benefit the community.

Member Slack expressed appreciation and thanked staff for the modified format on the CTA Motion Tracking Information Table.

Member Grant queried if the update from the Chief Operating Officer will be provided to the Committee each month. Mr. Smith responded that the intent of the update was to provide feedback on on-going issues and to close out concerns.

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7. Transit Elevator Announcements

Edna Pampy, Operations Senior Management Analyst, provided a brief overview of the Transit Elevator Announcements. Ms. Pampy reported that at the August 8, 2007 CTA meeting, the Committee requested information on other transit agencies, such as the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) regarding how they manage their elevator announcements during elevator repairs and closures.

Ms. Pampy reported that BART provides elevator availability status by designated phone numbers, visual scrolling signs, audible announcements, posted signs, customer support from Station Agents, and website content. She stated that the Destination Sign System (DSS) scrolls elevator information twice per hour and voice announcements are made at the same frequency. If everything is working properly the announcement is: "All elevators are in service in the BART system." Currently, there is not a web link to this information. Planned elevator closures are listed on the BART website. If an elevator is Out of Service (OOS) unexpectedly, the customer is advised to contact the station agent. Agents refer the customer to a toll free number to request paratransit services. A decal is placed on the OOS elevator unit directing the customer to the Agent.

Ms. Pampy reported that SFMTA provides elevator availability status by designated phone number, onboard audible public announcements, visual announcements via posted signs at stations, and website content. In March 2007, San Francisco implemented a new telephone hot line "311" where residents can receive free, round-the-clock information from a live person about all non-emergency services in the city, including transit system elevators. SFMTA Central Control and/or the Operator make public announcements in any car about out-of-service elevators. Station Agents write information about inoperable elevators on a designated white board at the station. Planned elevator closures are listed on the SFMTA website.

Ms. Pampy reported that VTA provides elevator availability status by onboard audible public announcements, Public Address (audible and visual) announcements at Light Rail stations, posted signs, website content, Marketing collateral, and Customer Service Call Center information.

Programmed announcements in Light Rail vehicles advise customers how to contact the operator for assistance when an elevator is out of service. Operators will call OCC, and transportation is dispatched to transport passengers who need assistance in traveling to a station which has an inoperable elevator. VTA makes platform Public Address (PA) announcements (audio) and Visual Message Board (VMB) announcements every 15 minutes of inoperable elevator(s) until the elevator is back up and operational.

Ms. Pampy reported that planned elevator closures are listed on the VTA website, VTA Take-Ones, and signs are posted at Light Rail Stations. The Customer Services Interactive Voice Response (IVR) have recordings of planned elevator closures.

Member Slack queried if a customer could call VTA to find out if an elevator is working prior to taking the transportation. Ms. Pampy suggested that a customer contact VTA's Customer Service to receive the elevator information as it is the best contact.

Member Slack asked how a customer would know to contact VTA's Customer Service for the information. Ms. Pampy responded that VTA's Customer Service is the best contact to obtain information on how to utilize VTA's transportation services.

Chairperson Tamez asked how VTA knows if an elevator is inoperable. Patrick Griffin, Customer Service Supervisor, responded that VTA's Operations Control Center (OCC) contacts Customer Service when an elevator or escalator is not working. Mr. Griffin stated that an alarm alerts staff when an escalator becomes inoperable.

Chairperson Tamez asked if there was an educational component to inform customers on the best practices to contact VTA prior to traveling on VTA's transit system to ensure a successful trip. Mr. Griffin responded that VTA has a variety of printed material available, including an Accessible Guide to Ride and added that VTA's Customer Service telephone number is available on all VTA printed material.

Mr. Griffin stated that VTA's printed material and webpage reference VTA's Customer Service telephone number, noting that Information Service Representative (ISR) are available to answer questions. Mr. Griffin noted that staff will look into including the information to contact VTA for elevator status in VTA's Guide to Ride.

Ex-Officio Member Heatley asked if there was a feature available in the Google Trip Planning tool to provide information on elevator status. Mr. Griffin responded that Google does not have a feature to provide information on elevator status, but noted that VTA's Customer Service telephone number is available as part of the trip planning.

Upon Member Stahl's inquiry, Mr. Griffin informed the Committee that the automated service is 24 hours a day and ISR's are available Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Chairperson Tamez asked if staff could come back to the Committee with information on an educational component to ensure that customers have successful trips.

8. Space Park Bus Shelter

Dan Smith, Chief Operating Officer, reported that a new bus shelter was installed at Space Park in the City of Santa Clara.

Member Grant expressed concern that the bus shelter was not installed on the heavily utilized side of the street. Mr. Smith responded that the situation has many complications that prevent the installation of a bus shelter on the other side of Space Park. He stated that VTA does not own the land in the Space Park area and added that the bus shelter would require major construction and investment. Mr. Smith reported that the bus stop is ADA compliant, another location would not be suitable; therefore, the best alternative would be to install a bus shelter on the other side of Space Park.

Member Gouveia stressed the importance to reexamine the Space Park Bus Shelter issue.

Chairperson Tamez requested that staff provide the Committee with the analysis that was conducted on the Space Park Bus Shelter issue. Mr. Smith responded, “yes.”

Member Hernandez left his seat at 1:45 p.m., the quorum was lost, and a Committee of the Whole was declared.

Member Grant requested that the report include, if feasible and cost effective, construction and installation of a bus shelter on the heavily utilized side of Space Park. Mr. Smith responded that the current Space Park bus stop is ADA compliant; however, if a bus shelter were constructed and installed, it would no longer be ADA compliant. He stated that staff looked at options to relocate the bus stop; however, there were no other suitable locations at either direction on Space Park.

Member Hernandez took his seat at 1:47 p.m. and the quorum was declared.

Chairperson Tamez requested that staff provide the Committee with the analysis that was conducted on the Space Park Bus Shelter issue. Mr. Smith responded, “yes.”

Member Slack requested that the report include information on how close or far it would be necessary to construct a bus shelter around the Space Park bus stop.

Member Eljas requested that the Space Park schematic report include pictures of the area.

Anthony Drummond, staff aide representing Ex-Officio Board Liaison Forrest Williams, arrived and took his seat at 1:50 p.m.

9. Mobility Options Program

Paulette Mulligan, VTA Accessible Services Representative, provided an overview on the Mobility Options Program. Ms. Mulligan reported that VTA’s Accessible Services Department has begun to develop a Mobility Options Program. The Mobility Options Program will enable freedom, opportunity and independence for older adults and individuals with disabilities. The Mobility Options Program is designed to provide VTA’s customers with knowledge, skills and confidence to choose the mode of transportation that best suit their needs.

Ms. Mulligan reported that research has indicated that independent mobility and travel are essential skills for increased participation, performance, and independence at work, at home and in the community. The skills and behaviors required to travel safely and independently are very similar to the skills and behaviors necessary for success in employment, vocational training and post-secondary education. VTA’s Mobility Options Program will focus on providing seniors and people with disabilities opportunities to develop travel skills that will allow them to reach their desired destinations in the least restrictive environment.

The Mobility Options Program will be offered to a variety of individuals. These individuals are expected to be seniors, persons with disabilities, persons who either do not drive or do not have access to an automobile, persons who wish to conserve natural resources by minimizing the use of private automobiles, out of concern for the environment, and people who wish to reduce their transportation costs.

Ms. Mulligan reported that the services to be offered through the Mobility Options/Travel Training Program will include:

- Group Travel Instruction where the curriculum is designed for those with fairly high functional travel related skill levels. Curriculum will include trip planning, understanding transit systems, safety, and will include a practical field trip using VTA's fixed route services. This instruction will be provided by VTA's Accessible Services staff;
- Tailored One-on-One Travel Instruction with a generalized travel instruction that will teach consumers the skills for more independent travel. Curriculum will be more in-depth and geared to the customer's individual travel needs. Instruction will be one-on-one with the instructor in the field and will focus on specific routes that the customer will be using, beginning from the customer's home to a final destination and back. This instruction will be provided by VTA's Accessible Services staff;
- Specialized Training for VTA customers with visual disabilities and require the training assistance of an Orientation and Mobility Specialist (O & M Trainer), VTA will refer them to an O & M Trainer for specialized travel training. Appropriate training will be made available to persons with cognitive or developmental disabilities that may require in-depth specialized travel training. VTA will contract out those specialized training services, as appropriate; and
- Peer Model Travel Instruction, which is based on a "buddy" system of training and skill monitoring. Peer models are volunteers who are experienced with fixed route services. Peer model instructors assist new riders by accompanying them on specific fixed route trips, thus helping to alleviate some of the fears often associated with using public transportation. This form of travel instruction would be provided by VTA's "community partners" that volunteer to serve as "Bus Buddies". There will be an application process that will involve a security check, as well as training by VTA Staff.

Ms. Mulligan reported that the expected results of the Mobility Options/Travel Training Program will include:

- Increased use of fixed route services by program participants;
- Decreased use of Paratransit by Paratransit eligible program participants who opt to use fixed route services;
- Reduced use of private automobiles, thus improving air quality, and reduction of the use of non-renewable fossil fuels;
- Reduced traffic congestion;
- Enhanced participant appreciation of the benefits of independent travel; and
- Enhanced positive assessments of Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) as the public transportation provider for Santa Clara County.

Ms. Mulligan stated that the Mobility Options Program will include a Mobility Action Task Force Committee. The Mobility Task Force Committee will be comprised of transit professionals, members of social services and disability communities who will work together to support opportunities for independent travel. The goal of the task force is to provide independent travel skills and travel option awareness to Santa Clara County residents through a collaborative approach based on the individual committee member's experiences.

Ms. Mulligan reported that the Group Travel Instruction is expected to begin in November and the Tailored One-on-One Instruction will follow shortly thereafter. She continued that the Specialized Training Instruction will begin when a suitable vendor is secured and the Peer Model Travel Instruction is expected to occur in late spring or early Summer of 2008.

The Mobility Options Program budget is \$90,000 for 2007-2008 and \$60,000 allocated for 2008-2009. The budget amounts reflect the costs for promotional materials, training materials and student supplies, Specialized Travel Trainers, Peer Modeling Program costs, staff training costs, and VTA staff trainers' costs.

Member Jensen asked if the Mobility Options Program will affect customer's eligibility to utilize OUTREACH. Ms. Mulligan responded, "no."

Member Eljas queried about the number of individuals anticipated to participate and benefit in the Mobility Options Program.

Chairperson Tamez requested additional information on the actual cost per individual to VTA for providing the travel instruction.

Ms. Mulligan stated that staff has developed an extensive system to track the program results. She commented that staff anticipates a minimum of 100 seniors related to the Group training and range of 10 to 15 individuals related to the Tailored One-on-One training in a year timeframe.

Member Slack queried about how an individual would find out about the travel program and stressed the importance for outside agencies to have the opportunity to participate in the program.

Chairperson Tamez expressed concern that the Mobility Option Program was not forwarded to a Subcommittee for review and comment. Chairperson Tamez stressed the importance for the CTA Committee to receive presentations from outside agencies on this type of travel program to ensure that CTA makes a comprehensive decision.

M/S/C (Tamez/Slack) to recommend that a Mobility Options Program Subcommittee be established to look at the program in more detail and provide a comprehensive plan to CTA; and further, recommend that the Mobility Options Program Subcommittee meet once a month.

Members Gallo, Gouveia, Julian, Michels, Ex-Officio Member Heatley, and Chairperson Tamez were appointed to serve as volunteers for the Mobility Options Program Subcommittee.

Ex-Officio Member Heatley reported that OUTREACH Paratransit Services provided travel training services as part of eligibility to VTA from 1992 to 2000; however, the program was eliminated due to financial impacts. Ex-Officio Member Heatley offered to provide OUTREACH Paratransit Services travel training information to the Mobility Options Program Subcommittee.

Member Grant expressed concern regarding the inadequate amount of funds allocated to the Mobility Options Program. Member Grant queried about Accessible Services staff's

experience providing travel training services. Camille Williams, Accessible Services Manager and Staff Liaison, responded that Accessible Services staff does not have experience related to Orientation and Mobility (O & M) Training.

Member Slack asked how long the Mobility Options Program Subcommittee would exist. Chairperson Tamez responded that the Mobility Options Program Subcommittee may require a year to provide a comprehensive plan to CTA.

Member Gouveia left her seat at 2:21 p.m., the quorum was lost, and a Committee of the Whole was declared.

Member Slack stressed the significance to have additional funding allocated to the Mobility Options Program.

Member Jensen queried if the funding allocated for the Mobility Options Program would be impacted or place pressure on VTA by waiting for the Mobility Options Program Subcommittee to provide the comprehensive plan. Ms. Williams responded that there is no funding pressure to VTA related to the program; however, stressed the importance to evaluate the position and the plan to move forward.

10. Committee for Transit Accessibility (CTA) Motion Tracking Information

Camille Williams, Accessible Services Manager and Staff Liaison, provided a brief overview of the Committee for Transit Accessibility (CTA) Motion Tracking Information. Ms. Williams reported that the CTA Motion Tracking Information table was enhanced to include additional information.

Member Stahl referenced the Santa Clara City Council tracking information sheet, noting that the sheet is beneficial and suggested that staff consider the layout. Ms. Williams requested that Member Stahl email the sheet to staff as reference.

Members Eljas, Slack, and Ex-Officio Member Heatley expressed appreciation and thanked staff for the excellent work on the enhanced CTA Motion Tracking Information table.

Chairperson Tamez expressed appreciation for the accessible format version of the enhanced CTA Motion Tracking Information table.

Ms. Williams asked if the Committee would prefer to have the enhanced CTA Motion Tracking Information table converted to an archival and current form.

Member Slack recommended that the enhanced CTA Motion Tracking Information table be converted to an archival and current form.

11. Mainstreaming of Individuals with Disabilities into VTA

Camille Williams, Accessible Services Manager and Staff Liaison, reported that the Committee requested that the Mainstreaming of Individuals with Disabilities into VTA be placed as a regular item on the Committee Agenda to allow for discussion.

Ms. Williams stated that staff will have information to report to the Committee at the November 7, 2007 CTA Meeting.

Ex-Officio Member Heatley suggested that the title and/or term of the item should be changed since it may be misunderstood by individuals.

Chairperson Tamez stated that the intent of the title and/or term of the item was to ensure that individuals with disabilities receive the same Level of Service (LOS) as other customers.

Chairperson Tamez suggested that the Committee forward suggestions on a new title and/or term.

Member Grant asked if a customer identified themselves as an individual with disability was there a trigger to send the call to Accessible Services. Patrick Griffin, Customer Service Supervisor, responded that the call would be serviced as any other customer service call and forwarded to the appropriate department to address the issue. If the caller identified themselves as an individual with disability it would be noted on the form then Accessible Services staff would be able to review the calls.

Member Gouveia took her seat at 2:28 p.m. and the quorum was declared.

12. Committee for Transit Accessibility (CTA) Workplan

Camille Williams, Accessible Services Manager and Staff Liaison, provided a brief overview of the Committee for Transit Accessibility (CTA) Workplan. Ms. Williams commented that a workplan is utilized to drive Advisory Committee Agendas. The CTA Committee will determine when the item should be agendaized. CTA approved a workplan submitted by the chair, Randy Tamez at the September 12, 2007 CTA Meeting.

Member Grant requested that the CTA Bylaws be placed on the CTA Workplan as a high priority. Member Grant expressed concern that the CTA Committee has seven vacancies and suggested that the Committee quorum should reflect the number of members actually appointed to the CTA Committee.

Ann Carey, Executive Assistant to the General Manager, responded that workplans provide the foundation for items to be placed on committee agendas to allow the Committee the opportunity to discuss the item.

Ms. Williams stated that Committee Members sent the following other items via email to include on the CTA Workplan:

- Origin to Destination Service Issue
- National Transit Database (NTD) Report

Chairperson Tamez stated that as the chairperson, he should be directing the items that are to be placed on the Committee Agenda. Chairperson Tamez expressed concern that the Committee may not always have time to wait to place items of interest on the workplan due to time constraints.

Chairperson Tamez stressed the importance for the Committee to work on the Origin to Destination Service Issue to ensure that the Committee can forward a recommendation to the Board of Directors, Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and/or appropriate body.

Chairperson Tamez requested that staff provide the Committee with the policy referencing that all items must be placed on the workplan so that the Committee could review the information.

Member Slack queried if Committee Members should be recruiting individuals to apply for membership to fill the vacancies. Ms. Carey responded that the Chairperson of the Board of Directors appoints qualified applicants to fill vacant positions on the Committee.

Ms. Carey stated that the workplan is an organizational tool that assists the Committee and staff to prepare information and ensure that the items are forwarded in a timely manner. Ms. Carey noted that staff has the prerogative to request that an item be placed at a later date if the item is not ready to be agendaized.

Chairperson Tamez referenced that in the past staff has requested Committee Members to provide recommendations regarding nominations for the available seats on the CTA.

Member Grant asked if VTA has information available on the flow patterns of individuals with disabilities and seniors on VTA's fixed route system and requested that this be placed as an item on the Committee Workplan.

Ms. Williams restated that the new four items will be included on the Committee Workplan. Chairperson Tamez stressed the importance to update the workplan as items are completed.

REPORTS

13. City of San Jose Disability Advisory Commission (DAC) Report

Chairperson Tamez reported that the City of San Jose Disability Advisory Commission (DAC) Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 15, 2007. Chairperson Tamez reported that the City of San Jose DAC prepared a memorandum related to the Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA) bus line reductions and requested that the letter be forwarded to the CTA. Chairperson Tamez stressed the importance for the CTA to review the memorandum to determine if the Committee would like to support the City of San Jose DAC recommendation.

14. Board of Directors Report

Anthony Drummond, staff aide representing Ex-Officio Board Liaison Forrest Williams, reported that Ex-Officio Board Liaison Forrest Williams has received a request for a meeting from a CTA Committee Member. Mr. Drummond stated that Ex-Officio Board Liaison Forrest Williams is currently out of town at the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Conference. Mr. Drummond commented that Council Member Williams' scheduler will contact the CTA Committee Member to coordinate the meeting.

15. Committee Staff Report

Camille Williams, Accessible Services Manager and Staff Liaison, commented that the Accessible Services Department Organizational Chart will be distributed to the

Committee. Ms. Williams commented on the CTA Committee Roster, noting that the CTA Committee Members agree to release their names on the roster, which will be for the use of the CTA Committee only and will not be circulated or utilized for any other purpose.

Chairperson Tamez stated that the CTA Committee Roster will include the following information: Members Name, Mailing Address, Phone Number, and e-mail. Chairperson Tamez stated that if a member needs to contact another member then the information will be available.

Michelle M. Garza, Board Assistant, reported that the CTA Committee Roster request was distributed to the Committee Members via accessible format email, regular format standard mail, and large print format standard mail.

Ms. Garza reported that the following CTA Committee Members have responded and authorized their release of personal contact information: Members Gallo, Jensen, Gouveia, Morrow, Slack, and Tamez.

On a Roll Call the following Members authorized the release of personal contact information: Anthony Drummond, staff aide representing Ex-Officio Board Liaison Forrest Williams, Eljas, Gallo, Gouveia, Grant, Ex-Officio Member Heatley, Hernandez, Jensen, Julian, Lasich, Slack, Stahl, and Tamez. Members Michels, Morrow, and Rhodes were absent.

16. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Tamez reported that Dan Smith, Chief Operating Officer, has extended an offer to schedule a pre-CTA Meeting with Chairperson Tamez. Chairperson Tamez stated that he is willing to participate in the Pre-CTA Meeting with Mr. Smith, noting that the meeting has not been coordinated at this time.

OTHER

17. Announcements

Member Hernandez announced that in the past there was no funding allocated to provide assistance to individuals with disabilities who were also drug addicted; however, funding is now available to assist the disability community with drug additions.

Ex-Officio Member Heatley announced that MV Transit is the new replacement vendor as of October 16, 2007.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle M. Garza, Board Assistant

VTA Board of Directors