

Committee for Transit Accessibility

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Committee for Transit Accessibility (CTA) was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson Morrow in Building A, Auditorium, Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Emma Eljas	Member	Present
Christina Fernandez	Staff Aide to Ex-Officio Board Liaison Reed	Absent
Linda Gallo	Member	Present
Sandra Gouveia	Second Vice Chairperson	Present
David Grant	Member	Present
Katie Heatley	Ex-Officio Member	Present
Troy Hernandez	Member	Absent
Marjorie Jensen	Member	Present
Connie Langford	Member	Absent
Martin Lasich	Member	Present
Laura Michels	Member	Absent
Mike Montague	Member	Absent
Aaron Morrow	Chairperson	Present
Margaret Hardy	Member	Absent
Larry Saltman	Member	Present
Dilip Shah	Member	Present
Thomas Slack	Member	Present
Barbara Stahl	Member	Absent
William Zhu	Member	Present

2. INTRODUCTION OF AUDIENCE MEMBERS

Andrew Ittigson, Consultant; Martha O'Connell, Interested Citizen; Sandra Weymouth, Policy and Administrations Manager; David Ledwitz; Management Analyst; Mark Romoser, Silicon Valley Independent Living Center; and Joseph Rouzmehr, Senior Information Systems Analyst.

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Martha O'Connell, Interested Citizen, expressed concern regarding the closure of light rail stations during the elevator and escalator upgrades, passenger safety, and the lack of a bus shelter which services the building that houses the Silicon Valley Council on Aging.

Dilip Shah, Interested Citizen, shared concerns and provided a written letter from students in Milpitas regarding the lack of service in certain areas.

Larry Saltman, Interested Citizen, provided a written letter from Ron Schwartz, Emeritus Member of the City of San Jose Senior Commission, who expressed concern with the lack of real-time information on the arrival of buses at major stops.

Mr. Saltman also presented a letter thanking VTA Staff for installing a bench at the bus servicing the Berryessa Community Center, and requesting a bus shelter be added as well.

Chairperson Morrow requested staff follow-up with the individuals and address their concerns.

4. Minutes of September 9, 2009

M/S/C (Gouveia/Jensen) to approve the minutes of September 9, 2009.

5. Summary Minutes of October 7, 2009

On order of Chairperson Morrow and there being no objection, the Committee received and filed the Summary Minutes of October 7, 2009.

6. Chief Operating Officer's Report

Sandra Weymouth, Policy and Administrations Manager, provided an overview of the staff report contained in the Agenda packet.

On order of Chairperson Morrow and there being no objection, the Committee received the Chief Operating Officer's Report.

7. Board of Directors Report

There was no Board of Directors Report.

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

8. Bus Stop Improvement Program

Ken Ronsse, Deputy Director, Construction, provided an overview of the staff report contained in the Agenda packet.

Chairperson Morrow requested staff follow-up on the Committee's request to provide pictures online of each bus stop.

On order of Chairperson Morrow and there being no objection, the Committee received the Bus Stop Improvement Program report.

9. Light Rail Systems Analysis

Andrew Ittigson, Consultant, provided an overview of the staff report contained in the Agenda packet and the Cost/Benefit Analysis PowerPoint presentation reviewing

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individual component improvements and their associated capital costs.

Member Eljas left her seat at 2:15 p.m. and the quorum was lost.

On order of Chairperson Morrow and there being no objection, the Committee received a report on the Light Rail Systems Analysis.

10. Nominating Committee for CTA Chairperson, First Vice Chairperson, and Second Vice Chairperson

On order of Chairperson Morrow and there being no objection, the Appointment of a Nominating Committee for CTA Chairperson, First Vice Chairperson, and Second Vice Chairperson was deferred due to the lack of a quorum.

11. Workplan Update

On order of Chairperson Morrow and there being no objection, the Committee Workplan was reviewed.

REPORTS

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

Chairperson Morrow provided the City of San Jose Disability Advisory Commission Report highlighting new guidelines of Street Vending Policy, and the success of Disability Awareness Day.

13. Committee Staff Report

Jim Unites, Operations Deputy Director and Staff Liaison, provided a report highlighting; 1) The addition of 23 new Prius vehicles for Outreach; 2) CTA reappointments and vacancy fillings; 3) Farebox Program; and 4) VTA's financial position. He announced the retirement of Board Secretary, Deborah Harrington, and the appointment of Sandra Weymouth to the position.

14. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Morrow provided a report highlighting changes that will occur from decisions made during the Advisory Committee Enhancement process including a recommendation to have the Committee meet quarterly instead of monthly.

OTHER

15. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

16. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Morrow and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Menominee L. McCarter, Board Assistant
VTA Office of the Board Secretary