

Committee for Transit Accessibility

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Committee for Transit Accessibility (CTA) was called to order at 1:05 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	Present
Sandra Gouveia	Member	Absent
David Grant	Member	Present
Margaret Hardy	Member	Absent
Katie Heatley	Ex-Officio Member	Present
Troy Hernandez	Member	Present
Donald Hunter	Member	Absent
Marjorie Jensen	Member	Present
Dennis Kempel	Member	Present
Connie Langford	Member	Absent
Martin Lasich	Member	Present
Laura Michels	Member	Present
Mike Montague	Member	Absent
Aaron Morrow	Chairperson	Present
Lechi Nguyen	Member	Absent
Larry Saltman	Member	Present
Walter Schinke	Member	Present
Dilip Shah	Member	Present
Thomas Slack	Member	Present
Barbara Stahl	Member	Present

2. INTRODUCTION OF AUDIENCE MEMBERS

Sandra Weymouth, Board Secretary; Patrick Griffith, Public Affairs and Customer Information Manager; Steve Johnstone, Senior Management Analyst; David Ledwitz, Management Analyst; Carol Silveria, Interested Citizen; Archana Srivastava, Interested Citizen; S.M. Chadha, Interested Citizen; and, Dhanwant Dhaliwal, Interested Citizen.

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Carol Silveria, Interested Citizen, expressed appreciation for Outreach Paratransit services; however, she indicated it was becoming increasingly difficult to get to work and home at reasonable times due to route schedules.

Ex-Officio Member Heatley, Outreach Director, indicated she will follow up with Ms. Silveria.

Archana Srivastava, Interested Citizen, expressed concern with bus service in Milpitas and requested an extension of bus routes into the residential areas in Milpitas to better assist with transporting students to and from school.

Dhanwant Dhaliwal, Interested Citizen, expressed concern regarding bus service in Milpitas and requested an extension of bus routes 46, 47, and 66 into newly developed areas to service students and senior citizens and create less traffic and pollution.

S.M. Chadha, Interested Citizen, expressed concern regarding bus routes in Milpitas and requested changes are made soon to assist students.

Chairperson Morrow thanked the members of the public for their feedback, and requested Customer Service staff follows up on the requests and provide a verbal update to the Committee at a future meeting.

4. Minutes of November 10, 2009

M/S/C (Morrow/Saltman) on a vote of 11 Ayes, 0 Noes, and 1 Abstention, to approve the minutes of November 10, 2009. Member Stahl abstained.

5. Chief Operating Officer's Report

Dan Smith, Chief Operating Officer, provided an overview of the staff report contained in the Agenda packet.

Chairperson Morrow thanked Mr. Smith for adding the ridership numbers of the Agency partners to his report, and requested information from the Ad-Hoc Financial Recovery Committee be added to future reports.

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

6. Board of Directors Report

Christina Fernandez, Staff Aide to Ex-Officio Board Liaison Reed, provided a report on the January Board of Directors Meeting highlighting the appointment of Board Member Sam Liccardo as Chairperson and Board Member Margaret Abe-Koga as Vice-Chairperson for 2010 and the appointment of new members; Rich Larsen, Chris Moylan, Perry Woodward and Chuck Page. She also indicated a representative from CTA will serve on the Ad-Hoc Financial Recovery Committee.

On order of Chairperson Morrow and there being no objection, the Committee received the Board of Directors Report.

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

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7. New CTA Members

Chairperson Morrow introduced and welcomed newly appointed CTA Committee Members, Dennis Kempel, and Walter Schinke.

Member Schinke indicated he lives in Gilroy and is an advocate of people with disabilities in South County and sits on several boards.

Member Kempel indicated he represents HOPE Services, who assists developmentally disabled adults in San Jose and the valley area.

Jim Unites, Staff Liaison, also recognized three new members; Lechi Nguyen, Donald Hunter, and Margaret Hardy, who were unable to attend the meeting.

On order of Chairperson Morrow and there being no objection, the Committee received the Introduction of New CTA Members.

Chairperson Morrow left his seat and Member Eljas was appointed
Chairperson Pro Tempore to chair the meeting.

8. Nomination and Election of Chairperson for 2010

M/S/C (Grant/Stahl) to approve the appointment of Aaron Morrow as CTA Chairperson for 2010.

Chairperson Morrow resumed his seat and thanked
Vice Chairperson Eljas for serving as Chairperson Pro Tempore.

9. Nomination and Election for CTA First Vice Chairperson for 2010

M/S/C (Grant/Stahl) to approve the appointment of Emma Eljas as CTA First Vice Chairperson for 2010.

10. Nomination and Election for CTA Second Vice Chairperson for 2010

M/S/C (Grant/Morrow) to approve the appointment of Barbara Stahl as CTA Second Vice Chairperson for 2010.

11. Workplan Update and Adopt 2010 CTA Meeting Schedule

Chairperson Morrow presented the CTA 2010 meeting schedule to the committee. Member Schinke questioned if meetings will still be limited to 2 hours. Chairperson Morrow indicated he was not opposed to extending the time depending on the length of the Agenda.

Chairperson Morrow indicated he would like to see more information on the internet regarding bus stop locations and would like the CTA to be involved with the project.

Chairperson Morrow requested a presentation from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) be added to the CTA Workplan and updates from the Ad-Hoc Financial Recovery Committee and Budget information be presented to the Committee.

Member Grant requested information on the Q'Pod wheelchair securement station be placed on the CTA Workplan.

Member Eljas requested a CTA subcommittee meeting be scheduled before the April meeting to go over items to place on the Agenda.

M/S/C (Morrow/Grant) on a vote of 11 Ayes to 1 Noes to adopt the 2010 CTA Meeting Schedule. Member Schinke opposed.

M/S/C (Grant/Stahl) on a vote of 11 Ayes to 1 Noes to approve the 2010 CTA Workplan. Member Schinke opposed.

12. Quarterly Legislative Report

Scott Haywood, Policy and Community Relations Manager, provided a report on legislative items at the Federal and State level, highlighting; 1) Extension of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA-LU); 2) Jobs for Main Street Act; and, 3) The proposed State budget.

On order of Chairperson Morrow and there being no objection, the Committee received the Quarterly Legislative Report.

13. Mobility Options Travel Training Program

Patrick Griffith, Public Affairs and Customer Information Manager, provided an overview of the staff report contained in the Agenda Packet.

Member Grant requested a breakdown of what is involved during training be included in the next report.

Member Slack requested a representative number of visually impaired individuals participate in the program.

On order of Chairperson Morrow and there being no objection, the Committee received an update on the Mobility Options Travel Training Program.

REPORTS

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

There was no City of San Jose Disability Advisory Commission Report.

13. Committee Staff Report

There was no Committee Staff Report.

14. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Morrow requested a copy of **Agenda Item # 9**, Receive the annual review of the Citizens Watchdog Committee's ballot-specified duties, responsibilities and limitations, from the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) January 13, 2010 meeting, be forwarded to the CTA Committee for review.

On order of Chairperson Morrow and there being no objection, the Committee received a report from the Chairperson.

OTHER

15. Announcements

Member Slack questioned if an additional increase in paratransit fares is being considered. Chairperson Morrow indicated there is no plan or discussion taking place to change rates.

Chairperson Morrow thanked Staff for providing the Consolidated Board Workplan noting his appreciation for the breakdown of information.

16. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Morrow and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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