

## Committee for Transit Accessibility

Wednesday, July 7, 2010

### 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 Conference Room B-104, Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

#### 1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Emma Eljas	Member	Present
Lauryn Livengood	Staff Aide to Ex-Officio Board Liaison Reed	Absent
Sandra Gouveia	Member	Present
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	Absent
Laura Michels	Member	Absent
Aaron Morrow	Chairperson	Present
Lechi Nguyen	Member	Present
Jeffrey Ovetz	Member	Present
David Robinson	Member	Present
Larry Saltman	Member	Present
Walter Schinke	Member	Absent
Dilip Shah	Member	Absent
Thomas Slack	Member	Absent
Vicci Smith	Member	Present
Barbara Stahl	Member	Present

#### 2. INTRODUCTION OF AUDIENCE MEMBERS

Dan Smith, Chief Operations Officer; Jim Lawson, Executive Policy Advisor; Scott Haywood, Policy and Community Relations Manager; Lalitha Konanur, Operations Systems Supervisor; Kermit Cuff, Transit Service Supervisor; Sandra Weymouth, Board Secretary; Joonie Tolosa, Manager Operations Analysis and Reporting; David Ledwitz, Management Analyst; and Patrick Griffin, Manager Public Affairs and Customer Information.

**3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

There were no Public Presentations.

**4. Minutes of April 7, 2010**

M/S/C (Gouveia/Grant) to approve the Minutes of April 7, 2010.

**5. Chief Operating Officer's Report**

Dan Smith, Chief Operating Officer, provided a brief overview of the report as contained in the Agenda packet, highlighting; 1) Golden Guardian Exercise, 2) Bike to Work week, 3) New hybrid buses, 4) Light rail express train service testing, 5) Fare inspection stings, 6) Music in the Park light rail service, and 7) Orientation for new Committee for Transit Accessibility members.

Member Ovetz questioned when the new buses will be available.

Mr. Smith indicated the Committee will view the pilot bus in August and delivery is expected to begin in October.

Member Grant questioned the number of non low floor buses that will remain in service.

Mr. Smith indicated there are approximately 117 non low floor buses and 70 of those will be replaced by the new buses.

Chairperson Morrow questioned if the members would like to continue to receive the Chief Operating Officer's report verbally. He recommended a motion to continue having the Chief Operating Officer's report in the packet but not requiring Mr. Smith to provide a verbal report.

M/S/C (Morrow/Stahl) to forgo the Chief Operating Officer's verbal report and continue to provide it as an information item in the packet only.

**6. Board of Directors Report**

There was no Board of Directors report.

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

**7. Quarterly Legislative Report**

Scott Haywood, Policy and Community Relations Manager, provided a report on legislative items highlighting; 1) The passing of AB 1784 by the California State Assembly authorizing VTA to enter into agreements with the county and cities within the county to complete construction improvement projects at their request, 2) VTA's endorsement of Proposition 22, Public Safety and Transportation Act which protects funding for local public safety, emergency response, and transportation, and 3) The Board's approval to place SB 83 on the November ballot which will give VTA the ability to impose an annual fee of up to \$10 on motor vehicle registration to be used for specific transportation projects within the county.

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

**8. Ad-Hoc Financial Recovery Committee**

Jim Lawson, Executive Policy Advisor and Staff Liaison of the Ad-Hoc Financial Recovery Committee (AHFRC), provided background information on Board members and stakeholders who serve on the Committee and noted their charge is to adopt principles to address VTA's ongoing structural deficit. A list of key principles was developed to establish policy framework during the creation of the biennial budget and includes; 1) Creation of a Revenue Enhancement Committee, 2) Maintain operating reserve at 15%, 3) Control cost growth, 4) Negotiate sustainable bargaining unit agreements, 5) Use of contracted services, and 6) Limit use of capital funding. The Committee is scheduled to deliver recommendations to Standing Committees in September and the full Board in October.

Chairperson Morrow indicated the Committee's recommendation to leave the paratransit program as is, was forwarded to the Board in May, along with his personally drafted letter.

Chairperson Morrow questioned what the charge of task force will be during the upcoming weeks.

Mr. Lawson indicated staff is putting together the framework which will include the pros and cons and financial impact of decisions to assist the Committee with solutions.

Chairperson Morrow indicated he will provide an update to the Committee on any significant occurrences from next AHFRC meeting.

**On order of Chairperson Morrow** and there being no objection, the Committee received the Ad-Hoc Financial Recovery Committee report.

**9. July 12, 2010 Service Changes**

Kermit Kuff, Transit Development Supervisor, provided information on route changes highlighting; 1) Line 10 to the airport, 2) Line 11 loop to Coleman, 3) Line 34 in Mountain View, and 4) Later south bound trips on Line 63. He also reported Bus route 76 to the Santa Cruz Mountains and the River Oaks shuttle are both being discontinued.

**On order of Chairperson Morrow**, and there being no objection, the Committee received a report on the July 12, 2010 Services Changes.

**10. Transit Operations Performance Report**

Joonie Tolosa, presented the results of the 2010 Third Quarter Transit Operations Performance Report highlighting ridership which decreased 8.6 percent for buses, 11 percent for light rail, and 9.1 percent overall. Neighboring agencies are also experiencing similar decreases. He noted, however, improvements in the areas of service and liability, bus on-time performance, and the number miles between mechanical failures for bus and light rail. Paratransit saw a 12 percent decrease in ridership however; the net cost for the paratransit program is under budget for the fiscal year and ridership per revenue hour exceeded the goal.

Member Grant questioned how the fare increase has affected ridership.

Mr. Tolosa indicated an initial decrease in ridership was expected due to the fare increase, but the trend was continued by increased unemployment rates as well.

**Order of Chairperson Morrow** and there being no objection the Committee received the 2010 Third Quarter Transit Operations Performance Report.

**11. Workplan Update**

Chairperson Morrow provided a brief update on the Committee Workplan noting the Committee will view the new Hybrid bus and receive a possible update from Ad-Hoc Financial Recovery Committee at the August workshop.

**On order of Chairperson Morrow** and there being no objection, the Committee received the Workplan Update.

## **REPORTS**

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

Chairperson Morrow provided a brief overview of the City of San Jose Disability Advisory Commission (DAC) report and indicated the San Jose City Council approved changing the monthly DAC meeting to quarterly due to budget constraints.

**On order of Chairperson Morrow** and there being no objection, The City of San Jose Disability Advisory Commission Report was received.

**13. Committee Staff Report**

Jim Unites, CTA Staff Liaison, presented Chairperson Morrow with a plaque from the Board of Directors recognizing his years of service and dedication to the CTA Committee. He also thanked the Committee for all of their hard work.

Mr. Unites reminded Committee Members of the ethics training requirement and indicated the County is offering another session in September and noted the course is also available online.

Mr. Unites announced July 26, 2010 is the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the American with Disabilities Act. VTA communications staff will be submitting articles and information to the press and reaching out to CTA members for information about the involvement of the Committee in helping make VTA a fully accessible system.

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

**14. Citizens Advisory Committee/Citizens Watchdog Committee Report**

Aaron Morrow, CTA Chairperson and Citizens Advisory Committee(CAC) Member provided a report from the CAC meetings highlighting; 1) The summarized final report of the Measure A Transit Improvement Program which CAC published in news publications throughout the county on Google and Yahoo search engines, and VTA website, 2)The Committee's endorsement of legislative bills SB 83 and SB 2516, 3) Presentation of a blueprint of transit services at local community colleges, 4) Creation of a stakeholders group to ensure the Advisory Committee Enhancement Task Force ideas are

implemented properly, 5) Reassigning seats on the CAC to allow Member Aaron Morrow, to represent the disabled population, and Member Marty Schulter to represent higher education, 6) Researching ways to include other segments of the population without adding additional Committee members, and 7) Presentation on the Clipper program.

Ex-Officio Member Heatley questioned the reporting process of the CAC member representing the senior population.

Chairperson Morrow indicated he will discuss it with the CAC Chairperson and find a solution.

Member Eljas commented on the new process and feels having representation on CAC and receiving a report will help keep the CTA informed.

**On order of Chairperson Morrow** and there being no objection, the Citizens Advisory Committee/Citizens Watchdog Committee Report was received.

**15. Chairperson's Report**

There was no Chairperson's Report.

**OTHER**

**16. Announcements**

There were no Announcements.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

**On order of Chairperson Morrow** and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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