

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 14, 2008

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) was called to order at 4:08 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Margaret Abe-Koga in Conference Room B-104, Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

Chairperson Christopher Moylan arrived at the meeting and took his seat at 4:10 p.m., Vice Chairperson Abe-Koga relinquished her seat as Chairperson and Chairperson Moylan presided for the remainder of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Margaret Abe-Koga
Lou Becker
Steve Glickman
Kathleen King
Joe Kornder
Marby Lee
Pete McHugh
Evan Low
Christopher Moylan, Chairperson
Pierluigi Oliverio
Perry Woodward
Gilbert Wong (Alternate)

Representative Cities

Mountain View
Los Altos
Los Gatos
Saratoga
Santa Clara
Morgan Hill
Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors
Campbell
Sunnyvale
San Jose
Gilroy
Cupertino

Members Absent

Sid Espinosa
Armando Gomez
Vacant
Wright, Curtis

Representative Cities

Palo Alto
Milpitas
Los Altos Hills
Monte Sereno

A quorum was present.

Members Oliverio and Kornder arrived at the meeting and took their seats at 4:13 p.m.

2. ORDERS OF THE DAY

Chairperson Moylan requested that the following Agenda Items be heard together: **Agenda Item # 9.**, Review the Fund Estimates for Valley Transportation Plan and Regional Transportation, and **Agenda Item #10.**, Review the VTP 2035 – Project List Submittal to Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Jerry Grace, Interested Citizen, wished the Committee a Happy New Year.

4. Committee Staff Report

Jim Lawson, Senior Policy Advisor, introduced Mr. Joseph Smith, Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Lawson reported on the following: 1) Board of Directors Chairperson Liz Kniss will address the Committee later on the Agenda; 2) The February 14, 2008 PAC meeting is the first paperless meeting; 3) The Board of Directors approved the Sustainability Guidelines; 4) Governance Committee Report; 5) The Board extended the exclusive negotiating agreement regarding the West San Carlos Street site; 6) The Board approved a new debt reduction policy; 6) Board approved the application of Proposition 1-B grant funds from the California Transit Association for studies on the Route 152 Alignment; and 7) The Update on the new Bus Service Plan.

5. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Moylan thanked Vice Chairperson Abe-Koga for presenting the PAC report at the February 7, 2008 Board of Directors meeting.

Chairperson Moylan welcomed Members Lou Becker representing the City of Los Altos, Gilbert Wong, Alternate Member representing the City of Cupertino, and Perry Woodward representing the City of Gilroy.

Member McHugh took his seat at 4:22 p.m.

6. City Grouping Report

There was no City Grouping Report.

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

CONSENT

7. Minutes of January 10, 2008

M/S/C (McHugh/Low) to approve the Minutes of January 10, 2008 as amended.

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

8. **Programmed Projects Quarterly Monitoring Report for October-December 2007**

M/S/C (McHugh/Low) to review the Programmed Projects Quarterly Monitoring Report for October-December 2007.

REGULAR

9. **Fund Estimates for Valley Transportation Plan and Regional Transportation Plan**

Mr. Grace addressed the Committee.

Chairperson Moylan introduced David Whittum, Alternate PAC Member representing the City of Sunnyvale.

On order of Chairperson Moylan, there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Fund Estimates for Valley Transportation Plan and Regional Transportation Plan.

10. **Valley Transportation Plan 2035 – Project List Submittal to Metropolitan Transportation Commission**

On order of Chairperson Moylan, there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the VTP 2035 – Project List Submittal to MTC.

11. **Congestion Management Agency Programming and Planning Process**

On order of Chairperson Moylan, there being no objection, the Committee received a presentation on the CMA Programming and Planning Process.

12. **PAC's Need for Action versus Detail Minutes**

Members Glickman and McHugh stated that detailed minutes provide useful information and data to the Committee.

M/S/C (Glickman/McHugh) to continue to provide detailed minutes to the PAC with the direction to staff that the minutes may be modified but still capture the essence of the discussion and not be skeletonized.

The Agenda was taken out of order.

4. **VTA Chairperson's Report**

Liz Kniss, VTA Board Chairperson, provided a report highlighting: 1) Thanked the PAC Members for their commitment and hard work with regional transportation issues; 2) Update of Governance and Financial Assessment; 3) Update of new Bus Service Plan; 4) Overview of the Board Summit held February 1, 2008; 5) The Governance Committee;

6) Financial Management Update Meeting will be held Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. at the Isaac Newton Senter Auditorium, County Government Center, 70 West Hedding, San Jose, CA; 7) Plans to update the VTP 2035; 8) The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) plans to update their Regional Transportation Plan 2035; and 9) Plans to revisit the 2000 Measure A Expenditure Plan.

Member King took her seat at 5:25 p.m.

Member Glickman asked Chairperson Kniss what her vision is for VTA. Chairperson Kniss commented that her goal and vision is to insure that VTA is financially secure and she would like to see continued expansion of Community Bus service.

13. Brainstorming on Area – wide Strategies to Control Greenhouse Emissions

Jim Lawson, Senior Policy Advisor and Staff Liaison, commented that all of the VTA Outreach sedans have been converted to hybrids and that through the Sustainability Program VTA will strengthen their commitment to the environment with the reduction of greenhouse gases, conservation of natural resources, the prevention of pollution, and improve VTA's operational efficiencies.

On order of Chairperson Moylan, there being no objection, the Committee discussed the Brainstorming on Area – wide Strategies to Control Greenhouse Emissions.

OTHER

14. Committee Work Plan

Member Oliverio requested an update regarding GPS technology for bus service.

On order of Chairperson Moylan, there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Work Plan.

15. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

16. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Moylan, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.