

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 13, 2008

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) was called to order at 4:07 p.m. by Chairperson Christopher Moylan in Conference Room B-104, Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

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

Representative Cities

Mountain View
Los Altos
Los Gatos
Milpitas
Saratoga
Santa Clara
Morgan Hill
Campbell
Sunnyvale
San Jose
Gilroy
Cupertino
Monte Sereno

Members Absent

Sid Espinosa
Pete McHugh
Vacant

Representative Cities

Palo Alto
Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors
Los Altos Hills

A quorum was present.

Members Wright and Lee arrived at the meeting and took their seats at 4:09 p.m.
Members Gomez, King and Alternate Member Wong arrived at the meeting
and took their seats at 4:12 p.m.

2. **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

There were no Orders of the Day.

3. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

There were no Public Presentations.

4. **Committee Staff Report**

Jim Lawson, Senior Policy Advisor, provided a report highlighting: 1) The Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service; and 2) The Freight Rail Relocation Project. He announced the resignation of Maria Marinos, Board Secretary, who joined the County of Santa Clara as the Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board.

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

5. **Chairperson's Report**

Chairperson Moylan reported that he provided a brief overview of the February 14, 2008 PAC meeting to the Board of Directors.

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 February 14, 2008**

M/S/C (Wong/Glickman) to approve the Minutes of February 14, 2008.

8. **Proactive CMP Reviewed and Approved Projects Quarterly Status Report October 2007 through December 2007**

M/S/C (Wong/Glickman) to review the Proactive CMP Reviewed and Approved Projects Quarterly Status Report October 2007 through December 2007.

9. **South County Circulation Study Report Findings**

M/S/C (Wong/Glickman) to review the South County Circulation Study Report Findings.

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

10. FYTD 2008 Second Quarter Transit Operations Performance Report (July 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007)

M/S/C (Wong/Glickman) to review the FYTD 2008 Second Quarter Transit Operations Performance Report (July 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007).

REGULAR

The Agenda was taken out of order.

Vice Chairperson Abe-Koga arrived at the meeting at 4:17 p.m. and took her seat.

12. VTA Governance

Chairperson Moylan provided a brief overview and discussed the VTA Governance Proposal submitted by VTA Board Director Greg Sellers.

Jim Lawson, Senior Policy Advisor, commented that the Board of Directors has recommended that the PAC provide input regarding the VTA Governance Proposal. This proposal addresses several concerns observed in the Hay Group's Organizational and Financial Assessment.

Scott Haywood, Policy & Community Relations Manager, reported that the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) received the VTA Governance Proposal at their meeting on Wednesday, March 12, 2008. He reported that the CAC voted not to forward the staff recommendation to the Board. Instead the CAC recommended that a task force or subcommittee comprised of the CAC and PAC study the Governance Proposal.

Margaret Okuzumi, CAC member, confirmed that the CAC voted unanimously with one abstention to reject the staff recommendation. Ms. Okuzumi expressed concern that the staff recommendation conflates the problem of Board rotation with turnover of Board members.

Karen Antion, Transformation Officer, commented that the Hay Group observed that turnover among Board members needs to be addressed. The proposal would address the issue of high turnover of Board members by allowing members to gain knowledge and experience with longer Board tenure. She stated that the cities would be better served by reconfiguring the city groupings into regions.

On general consensus the PAC recommended that the Board of Directors do not take action on the governance issue at the April 3, 2008 Board meeting. The Committee recommended that the cities be given the opportunity to discuss the governance issue with their councils and return with those recommendations at the April 10, 2008 PAC meeting.

M/S/C (Low/Wong) that the PAC Committee make a recommendation that the Board of Directors postpone action on the VTA Governance relating to the amendment of the VTA Administrative Code to the May Board of Directors meeting to allow cities to make the respective and appropriate recommendations and actions.

Members Low and Gomez left the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

11. Local Transportation Needs and Priorities of the City of San Jose

Member Oliverio introduced Hans Larsen, City of San Jose, Deputy Director of Transportation. Mr. Larsen provided a PowerPoint presentation titled, "City of San Jose Transportation Overview" highlighting: 1) San Jose "Snapshot;" 2) Transportation System; 3) San Jose Growth History; 4) Development Strategies; 5) Planned Growth Areas; 6) Downtown Development; 7) North San Jose Development; 8) Infill Development; 9) Freeways and Expressways; 10) Regional Transit Connections; 11) California High Speed Rail; 12) Diridon Station 13) Silicon Valley Transit System; 14) Airport Expansion; 15) A "Bike/Ped – Friendly" City; 16) Trail System; 17) San Jose Transportation Priorities; and 18) Key Transportation Policy Issues.

Margaret Okuzumi, BayRail Alliance, commented that the High Speed Rail Authority has not formally adopted the Pacheco Pass Alignment and that the final environmental impact report document for the project has not yet been certified.

Upon the inquiry of Member Wright, Mr. Larsen commented that the BART Extension to San Jose, Santa Clara, and Milpitas remains a high priority project for the City of San Jose.

On order of Chairperson Moylan, there being no objection, the Committee received the presentation of the Local Transportation Needs and Priorities of the City of San Jose.

13. Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) 2035 (T2035) – Proposed Vision Policy Strategies

Scott Haywood, Policy & Community Relations Manager, commented that the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Vision Policy Strategies were discussed at the February 2008 Congestion Management Program and Planning (CMPP) Committee.

He noted that the RTP establishes the long-range transportation program for the nine-county Bay Area. Mr. Haywood commented that MTC is in the process of updating the RTP and the updated plan will be called the T2035.

Mr. Haywood commented that the Proposed Vision Strategies presented by MTC identifies the five main category policy areas include: 1) Transportation Investments; 2) Pricing; 3) Focused Growth; 4) Technology; and 5) Individual Actions.

On order of Chairperson Moylan, there being no objection, the Committee received the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) 2035 (T2035) – Proposed Vision Policy Strategies.

14. Transportation System Monitoring Program for Santa Clara County

Casey Emoto, Project Development, Acting Deputy Director, provided a report identifying the significance and need for a Transportation System Monitoring Program.

Mr. Emoto noted the findings of the TAC Subcommittee regarding the Transportation System Monitoring Program at its February 14, 2008 meeting as follows: 1) The Monitoring Program would provide up-to-date data on the performance of the countywide transportation system in a single report format; and 2) Information and collected data would be utilized for transportation planning and to identify improvements in the system and to build cases for allocating resources.

On order of Chairperson Moylan, there being no objection, the Committee directed staff to begin work on drafting a work plan, schedule, and budget for the development of a transportation monitoring program for Santa Clara County.

15. Bus Rapid Transit Strategic Plan: State-of-the-Industry Review

Steven Fisher, Senior Transportation Planner, noted that questions or concerns regarding the Bus Rapid Transit Strategic Plan: State-of-the-Industry Review can be directed to him by phone at (408) 321-5748 and by E-mail at steve.fisher@vta.org.

On order of Chairperson Moylan, there being no objection, the Committee received a report on the Bus Rapid Transit Strategic Plan: State-of-the-Industry Review

OTHER

16. Committee Work Plan

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

17. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

18. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Moylan, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline F Golzio, Board Assistant
VTA Board of Directors