

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 12, 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 Vice Chairperson Margaret Abe-Koga in Conference Room B-104, Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

Chairperson Moylan took his seat at 4:09 p.m.,
Vice Chairperson Margaret 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
Armando Gomez
Kathleen King (Alternate)
Joe Kornder
Marby Lee
Pete McHugh
Christopher Moylan, Chairperson
Pierluigi Oliverio
Gilbert Wong (Alternate)
Perry Woodward

Representative Cities

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

Members Absent

Sid Espinosa
Vacant
Wright, Curtis

Representative Cities

Palo Alto
Los Altos Hills
Monte Sereno

A quorum was present.

2. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Orders of the Day.

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Joe Thompson, Interested Citizen, expressed concern with the lack of interest in the restoration of Intermodal facilities and fuel savings.

4. Committee Staff Report

Jim Lawson, Senior Policy Advisor and Staff Liaison, provided a brief report highlighting: 1) VTA's Expenditures and Revenues Projections have decreased by \$6.3 million. Staff will address the shortfall by looking for ways to save funding within each department and not fill vacant positions; 2) VTA Transit System Ridership has increased; 3) Board of Directors at their June 5, 2008 meeting approved the construction contract of the De Anza College on Campus Bus Stop; 4) VTA received Transit Security Grants in the amount of \$3 million from the State and \$2.5 million from the Federal Government, adopted the Measure A Revenue and Expenditure Plan Policy Guidance, adopted a resolution to establish a Transit Career Ladder Project (TCLP) joint venture between VTA, San Jose City College and Evergreen Valley College, and the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 265, and approved a construction contract to implement ramp metering on three freeway corridors in Santa Clara County; 4) Received a report from the Civil Grand Jury regarding the Dumbarton Rail Project related to cost escalations; and 5) VTA's 2007 Progress Report.

5. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Moylan commented that he provided a brief overview of the May 8, 2008 PAC meeting to the Board of Directors.

Member Oliverio arrived at the meeting and took his seat at 4:18 p.m.

6. City Grouping Report

Chairperson Moylan stated that the North County City Grouping discussed High Speed Rail.

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

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

CONSENT

7. Minutes of May 8, 2008

M/S/C (McHugh/Kornder) to approve the Minutes of May 8, 2008 as amended to reflect Vice Chairperson Abe-Koga was not present at the meeting.

8. VTP Highway Program Semi – Annual Report – April 2008

M/S/C (Wong/McHugh) to review the VTP Highway Program Semi – Annual Report – April 2008.

9. FYTD 2008 Third Quarter Transit Operations Performance Report (July 1, 2007-March 31, 2008)

M/S/C (Wong/McHugh) to review the FYTD 2008 Third Quarter Transit Operations Performance Report (July 1, 2007-March 31, 2008).

10. Proactive CMP Reviewed and Approved Project Quarterly Status Report

M/S/C (Wong/McHugh) to review the Proactive CMP Reviewed and Approved Project Quarterly Status Report.

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11. Local Transportation Needs & Priorities: Milpitas

Jaime Rodriquez, Milpitas City Traffic Engineer, provided a PowerPoint presentation entitled, “City of Milpitas Transportation Projects” highlighting: 1) Background of the City of Milpitas; 2) VTP 2035 Local Streets & County Roads Projects; 3) BART to Milpitas, San Jose and Santa Clara Project; 4) The Midtown Specific Plan; 5) Community Design and Transportation (CDT) Program; 6) Transit Area Specific Plan; 7) Citywide Deficiency Plan; 8) Clean and Safe Streets; 9) The Safe Routes to School Grant; 10) The Bikeway Master Plan Update; and 11) Additional Transportation Priorities that include Transportation Demand Management, Pavement Management, and Traffic Signal Management.

Member Glickman asked if a Community Bus Plan has been considered for the City of Milpitas. Mr. Rodriquez answered that a Community Bus Plan is in the development stages for the Midtown District of the City.

Alternate Member King recommended that VTA research the cost of procuring speed monitors and devices to light sidewalks for various cities in the County at a discounted rate for volume purchases.

On order of Chairperson Moylan, there being no objection, the Committee received the Local Transportation Needs & Priorities: Milpitas.

12. **Bus Rapid Transit Strategic Plan: Corridor Evaluation**

Steve Fisher, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation entitled, "VTA BRT Strategic Plan, Corridor Assessment" highlighting: 1) Strategic Plan Objectives; 2) Six Study Corridors; 3) VTA Service Design Guidelines: Process; 3) VTA Service Design Guidelines: Process; 4) Service Design Guidelines: Definition; 5) Corridor Evaluation that includes transit performance measures and transit market indicators; 6) Weekday Boardings per route mile, revenue hour, population and employment, on-time arrivals, average trip length per mile, and Service Design guidelines: Standards; 7) Transit Competitiveness Factor; 8) Study findings and recommendations for further study for El Camino Real, Santa Clara-Alum Rock, Monterey Highway, Stevens Creek, King Road, and Sunnyvale-Cupertino; and 9) Next Steps.

Mr. Fisher commented that there are 3 levels of improvements that are considered for each corridor: 1) BRT 1 which is defined in VTA's Service Design Guidelines where a bus operates in mixed traffic with priority at traffic signals and upgraded stations; and 2) BRT 2 uses dedicated bus lanes together with upgraded stations. He further commented that in most cases the corridors selected for BRT improvements are recommended for a combination of BRT 1 and BRT 2 scenarios depending on land uses, street character, and operating conditions.

Member Lee requested clarification regarding priority at traffic signal devices used by buses. Mr. Fisher clarified that the device on the bus signals the traffic signal to stay green longer.

Mr. Fisher commented that before a corridor is evaluated for implementation of transit improvements environmental impacts reports as well as traffic studies of the corridor will be completed.

Member Glickman commented that he supports that the BRT does not require a massive change of infrastructure.

Mr. Fisher stated that a goal of BRT service is to attract new riders with time advantage service.

Vice Chairperson Abe-Koga expressed concern that the BRT would not conflict with beautification projects such as the Grand Boulevard.

Chairperson Moylan recommended the criterion of considering the amount of traffic congestion minus current ridership to assess potential ridership.

On order of Chairperson Moylan, there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Bus Rapid Transit Strategic Plan: Corridor Evaluation.

13. Alternative Proposals on VTA Governance

Chairperson Moylan provided a brief overview of Board of Director Greg Sellers' Governance Plan. He further stated that the members of the Governance Subcommittee include: Greg Sellers, David Casas, Christopher Moylan, Steve Glickman, Norman Kline, and Margaret Okuzumi.

Chairperson Moylan referenced the PAC Alternative proposal prepared by Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Member Norman Kline.

Jim Lawson, Senior Policy Advisor and Staff Liaison, commented that the Governance Subcommittee has not unanimously selected a Governance proposal at this time.

Member McHugh requested clarification regarding the proposed composition of the Board of Directors. Chairperson Moylan commented that the Board of Directors would remain as it is now with the exception as to how the 14 small cities would select the remaining 5 seats on the Board.

Member Woodward expressed concern regarding the South County representation on the Board if the proposal of Mr. Kline is adopted.

Member Kornder distributed a document from the City of Santa Clara regarding the VTA Board Reconfiguration.

On general consensus the Committee agreed to meet in the month of July to discuss the Governance issue.

M/S/C (Glickman/King) to approve scheduling of a PAC Committee Workshop in July 2008 to discuss VTA Governance.

14. Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2035 – Program Area Review: Expressways

On order of Chairperson Moylan, there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2035 – Program Area Review: Expressways.

15. Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2035 – Program Area Review: Local Streets and County Roads

On order of Chairperson Moylan, there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2035 – Program Area Review: Local Streets and County Roads.

OTHER

16. Committee Work Plan

Chairperson Moylan commented that the Highway 9 Corridor Transportation Needs, Issues & Priorities presentation has been scheduled for the August 14, 2008 PAC meeting.

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

Member Low left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

17. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

18. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Moylan, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline F. Golzio, Board Assistant
VTA Board of Directors