

Policy Advisory Committee

Thursday, March 12, 2009

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by Chairperson Abe-Koga in Conference Room B-104 Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Chris Moylan	City of Sunnyvale	NA	
David Whittum (Alternate)	City of Sunnyvale	Present	
Chuck Page	City of Saratoga	Present	
Kathleen King (Alt)	City of Saratoga	NA	
Cortese, Dave	SCC Board of Supervisors	Absent	
Michael F. Kotowski	City of Campbell	Present	
Jason Baker (Alt)	City of Campbell	NA	
Kris Wang	City of Cupertino	NA	
Gilbert Wong (Alt)	City of Cupertino	Present	
Perry Woodward	City of Gilroy	Present	
Cat Tucker (Alt)	City of Gilroy	NA	
Megan Satterlee	City of Los Altos	Present	
Val Carpenter (Alt)	City of Los Altos	NA	
Joe Pirzynski	Town of Los Gatos	Present	
Diane McNutt (Alt)	Town of Los Gatos	NA	
Pete McHugh	City of Milpitas	Present	

Vacant (Alt)	City of Milpitas	NA	
Marshall Anstandig	City of Monte Sereno	Absent	
Curtis Wright (Alt)	City of Monte Sereno	Absent	
Marby Lee	City of Morgan Hill	Present	
Steve Tate (Alt)	City of Morgan Hill	NA	
Margaret Abe-Koga	City of Mountain View	Present	
Laura Macias (Alt)	City of Mountain View	NA	
Pat Burt	City of Palo Alto	Absent	
Larry Klein (Alt)	City of Palo Alto	Absent	
Kansen Chu	City of San Jose	Present	
Jamie Matthews	City of Santa Clara	Absent	
Jamie McLeod (Alt)	City of Santa Clara	Absent	

A quorum was present.

2. ORDERS OF THE DAY

Jim Lawson, Senior Policy Advisor and Staff Liaison, requested **Agenda Item # 7**, Minutes of February 12, 2009; and **Agenda Item # 9**, Proactive CMP Reviewed and Approved Projects Quarterly Status Report be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

There were no Public Presentations.

4. Committee Staff Report

Jim Lawson, Senior Policy Advisor, reported 1) VTA celebrated Black History Month with a program featuring Tuskegee Airman Leslie Williams; 2) VTA received the Engineering Excellence Award for 2009 from the American Counsel of Engineering Companies for the 152/156 Interchange in South County; 3) VTA Chairperson Dolly Sandoval was recognized as “A Woman of Influence for 2009,” by the San Jose/Silicon Valley Business Journal; 4) At the March 5, 2009 Board Meeting the Board passed a resolution to apply for stimulus funding for the 237/880 express lane connector; 5) A High Speed Rail (HSR) presentation was provided by VTA staff; 6) Received the 2000 Measure A Semi-Annual Report; 7) Received the 1996 Measure B Progress Report; 8) Caltrain celebrated the completion of the Palo Alto and California Avenue Station

improvements; 9) At the February Workshop the Board received a report regarding the near term budget outlook; 10) The Board received a report regarding the Federal American Recovery and Stimulus Act and discussed the status of the BART Project; and 11) Invited PAC members to the Board of Directors Workshop April 24, 2009.

Member Pirzynski referenced discussion at the February PAC meeting concerning the Association of the Bay Area Governments (ABAG) projections regarding the allocations of jobs to housing in the County. Member Pirzynski commented that after discussions with ABAG executive staff assumptions would be revised and recommendations made by San Jose staff would be considered. Member Pirzynski stated ABAG staff will present a detailed analysis of the new findings and third installment of projections at the May 2009 Cities Association meeting.

5. Chairperson's Report

There was no Chairperson's Report.

6. City Grouping Report

There was no City Grouping Report.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

7. (Removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.)

Approve the Minutes of February 12, 2009.

8. Transit Operations Performance Report: 2009 Second Quarter (July 1, 2008-December 31, 2008)

On order of Chairperson Abe-Koga and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Transit Operations Performance Report: 2009 Second Quarter (July 1, 2008-December 31, 2008).

9. (Removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.)

Proactive CMP Reviewed and Approved Projects Quarterly Status Report.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Minutes of February 12, 2009

M/S/C (Wong/Lee) to approve the Minutes of February 12, 2009 as amended to reflect Member Cortese and Alternate Member Macias absent. Alternate Member Whittum abstained.

9. Proactive CMP Reviewed and Approved Projects Quarterly Status Report

Robert Swiert, Senior Transportation Planner, and Ying Smith, Transportation Planning Manager, provided a brief overview of the Proactive CMP Reviewed and Approved Projects Quarterly Status Report.

On order of Chairperson Abe-Koga and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Proactive CMP reviewed and Approved Projects Quarterly Status Report.

10. Local Transportation Needs & Priorities: Gilroy

Don Dey, Gilroy City Transportation Engineer, provided a PowerPoint Presentation entitled, "City of Gilroy Transportation Network" highlighting: Overview of General Plan Land Use; The Gilroy Downtown Specific Plan; Roadway Network – South County Circulation Study; Bicycle Trails Network; Community Bus Network; and California High Speed Train.

Mr. Dey provided a brief overview of the Gilroy Downtown Specific Plan and stated the need for continued VTA support of the Streetscape projects in Transit Oriented Development (TOD) areas, preparing studies and funding for new US 101 Overcrossing and Buena Vista Interchange, and bicycle and pedestrian trails in the Bicycle Expenditure Plan (BEP).

Mr. Dey reported the proposed High Speed Rail (HSR) alignment will run approximately 100 trains a day through Pacheco Pass with a regional station in Gilroy.

On order of Chairperson Abe-Koga and there being no objection, the Committee received the Local Transportation Needs & Priorities: Gilroy.

11. Revised Joint Development Policy

Bijal Patel, Deputy Director, Joint Development reported in January 2009, the Board adopted the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Plan 2035 (VTP2035). This is a strategic plan intended to position VTA, as the CMA of Santa Clara, County to effectively respond to changes in land use patterns, population growth, transportation costs, and environmental degradation and energy use over the next 25 years.

Ms. Patel highlighted: 1) Proposed Revisions; 2) Key elements of Proposed Guidance Documents; 3) Mission Statement; 4) Goals; and 5) Objectives of the Revised Joint Development Policy.

Member Saterlee requested clarification regarding the proposed goals. Ms. Patel clarified the objective is to meet the three policy goals of revenue, transit-oriented development, and transit operations.

Jim Lawson, Senior Policy Advisor and Staff Liaison, commented all decisions regarding land use must have Board approval.

The Committee requested staff provide the PAC a compilation of the VTA real estate inventory portfolio. Ms. Patel stated when the list is compiled it will be provided to the Committee. She further stated the objective is for VTA to have a long term source of stable revenue.

Member Pirzynski requested clarification of PAC's role with the Revised Joint Development Policy. On general consensus, the Committee requested the Board recognize PAC's interest to provide input regarding VTA's real estate inventory asset compilation.

Ms. Patel clarified the ultimate goal of the policy is to create a portfolio with a priority schedule for adoption by the Board.

On order of Chairperson Abe-Koga and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Revised Joint Development Policy.

12. 2009 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program Manager Fund (TFCA)

Bill Hough, Transportation Planner III, provided a report regarding the 2009 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program highlighting: 1) Background; 2) Priority Projects; and 3) The Competitive Program.

Mr. Hough stated the TFCA is generated by a \$4.00 surcharge on vehicle registrations. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) returns 40 percent of these funds to the county where they were collected for allocation by a "program manager." VTA is the program manager for this fund for Santa Clara County. Projects sponsors apply to VTA for funding. Projects are approved by the VTA Board who allocated the funds subject to the approval of BAAQMD.

Member Satterlee recommended removing the Light Rail Shuttle Program from the Priority Projects and placing it in the Funded Competitive Projects category.

Member Pirzynski commented the Light Rail Shuttle Service ridership has not increased. He recommended the program be removed from the Bicycle Expenditure Program.

M/S/C (Wong/Page) to approve the programming of FY 2009/10 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program Manager (TFCA 40%) Funds to Projects.

13. Advisory Committee Enhancement (ACE) Update: March

Jennie Loft, Public Information Officer, introduced herself to the new committee members and provided a brief overview of the ACE process and its goals.

On order of Chairperson Abe-Koga and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Advisory Committee Enhancement Update: March.

14. PAC Advisory Committee Enhancement (ACE) Subcommittee report.

On order of Chairperson Abe-Koga and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Advisory Committee Enhancement Subcommittee Report.

OTHER

15. Committee Work Plan

On order of Chairperson Abe-Koga and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Work Plan.

16. Announcements

There were no Announcements

17. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Abe-Koga and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline F. Golzio, Board Assistant
VTA Board of Directors