

Policy Advisory Committee

Thursday, October 8, 2009

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) was called to order at 4:03 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
Chris Moylan	City of Sunnyvale	Absent
David Whittum (Alternate)	City of Sunnyvale	Absent
Chuck Page	City of Saratoga	Present
Kathleen King (Alt)	City of Saratoga	N/A
Dave Cortese	SCC Board of Supervisors	Absent
Michael F. Kotowski	City of Campbell	Present
Jason Baker (Alt)	City of Campbell	N/A
Kris Wang	City of Cupertino	N/A
Gilbert Wong (Alt)	City of Cupertino	Present
Perry Woodward	City of Gilroy	Present
Cat Tucker (Alt)	City of Gilroy	N/A
Megan Satterlee	City of Los Altos	Present
Val Carpenter (Alt)	City of Los Altos	N/A
Joe Pirzynski	Town of Los Gatos	Present
Diane McNutt (Alt)	Town of Los Gatos	N/A
Pete McHugh	City of Milpitas	Present
Vacant (Alt)	City of Milpitas	N/A
Marshall Anstandig	City of Monte Sereno	N/A
Curtis Wright (Alt)	City of Monte Sereno	Present
Marby Lee	City of Morgan Hill	Present
Steve Tate (Alt)	City of Morgan Hill	N/A
Margaret Abe-Koga	City of Mountain View	Present
Laura Macias (Alt)	City of Mountain View	N/A
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
Rich Larsen	Town of Los Altos Hills	Absent

A quorum was present.

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, announced groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the BART Warm Springs Extension (WSX) on September 30, 2009 in Fremont. Ex-Officio Board Member Dean Chu represented VTA at the festivities.

Mr. Lawson provided an overview of the Board of Director's October 1, 2009 meeting highlighting: 1) Board adopted a support position for HR 2746 (Carnahan) which allows all public transit agencies to use a portion of their federal Section 5307 Urbanized Area (UZA) formula funds for operating purposes; 2) Board reviewed Quarterly Statement of Revenues and Expenses; 3) Received the 2000 Measure A Semi-Annual Report; 4) Fourth quarter sales tax revenue has decreased 27 percent from last year; 5) Approved the Transit Service Reduction Plan which will take effect January 11, 2010; 6) Approved \$56 million in contract amendments and new contracts to advance the BART project; and 7) Received update on the Advisory Committee Enhancement Process (ACE).

Stephen Flynn, Senior Management Analyst, provided a status report and update on the ACE process. He stated an update on the Ace process was provided to VTA's Administration & Finance (A&F) Standing Committee at its September meeting.

Mr. Flynn stated the A&F Committee expressed their appreciation for the Task Force's diligent work however, they expressed concern the Task Force was unable to reach consensus on recommendations to the Board for streamlining the advisory committee process. They stressed the importance of providing the Board with specific options for consideration. Mr. Flynn reported the A&F Committee directed staff to reconvene the Task Force to try to achieve consensus on recommendations for improving the advisory committee process. It was also stipulated if consensus is not reached with the Task Force, staff would provide recommendations.

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. **Minutes of September 10, 2009**

M/S/C (Wong/Lee) to approve the Minutes of September 10, 2009. Alternate Member Wright abstained.

8. **Transit Operations Performance Report: Preliminary Annual Report (Fiscal Year 2009)**

On order of Chairperson Abe-Koga and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Transit Operations Performance Report: Preliminary Annual Report (Fiscal Year 2009).

REGULAR AGENDA

9. **New Funding Program for County Expressways Pedestrian Projects**

Marcella Rensi, Transportation Planning Manager, reviewed the New Funding Program for County Expressways Pedestrian Projects. She noted the pedestrian element of the 2003 Countywide Study was updated in 2008 and includes numerous improvements throughout the expressway network. Ms. Rensi stated it is in the interest of VTA, the County, and the respective cities to promote pedestrian projects along expressways. She discussed funding criterion and challenges with the Funding Program.

Ms. Rensi clarified VTA's Community Design and Transportation (CDT) Program provides capital funds to support projects that integrate pedestrian and multimodal transportation design elements along major transit corridors, around station areas, and in urban core areas. She further clarified CDT grants are not available to most areas along County expressways because they are typically outside of the core areas defined by local jurisdiction for the CDT Program.

Ms. Rensi reported VTA proposes to use up to \$150,000 per year from the Bicycle Expenditure Program's (BEP) 30 percent of TDA Article 3 funding and allocate those funds for these projects. She noted in order to receive the funds, the County and respective cities where the project is located jointly sponsor the project, coordinate the planning and commit equal amounts of matching funds which would also be matched by VTA on equal one third shares. VTA's share would be derived from the \$150,000 in TDA Article 3 funding.

Member Satterlee expressed concern with jurisdictional issues and commitment share requirements.

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

Member Pirzynski stated respective cities are in control of projects in their jurisdictions.

Alternate Member Wright expressed concern with County involvement and prioritization criterion of the program.

M/S/C (Pirzynski/McHugh) to adopt New Funding Program for County Expressways Pedestrian Projects. Member Satterlee and Alternate Member Wright opposed.

10. Silicon Valley Express Lanes Program

Murali Ramanujan, Senior Transportation Engineer, reviewed the Silicon Valley Express Lanes Program and highlighted: 1) Board approval of program December 11, 2008; 2) Clarification of process and how express lane fees would change dynamically in response to existing congestion levels and available capacity in the designated lane; 3) Update on Santa Clara County Express Lanes Projects; 4) Update on Regional Express Lane Projects; and 5) Future items for Board recommendation regarding Express Lane Projects.

Mr. Ramanujan stated the Program will provide long-term mobility benefits and also provide another funding stream for transportation improvements. He further noted the program objectives would provide congestion relief through more effective use of existing roadways, provide commuters with new mobility options, and establish a new funding source for transportation improvements and public transit.

Member Kotowski inquired if VTA has modeled the project after established express lane projects in other parts of the US. Mr. Ramanujan stated VTA is very interested in the testing of switchable transponders by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Los Angeles Metro. He further stated VTA has studied express lane projects in other areas of the country.

Member Lee expressed concern with the premise of registering register carpoolers. Mr. Ramanujan answered information regarding registering carpoolers would be forth coming at a future meeting.

Member Satterlee expressed concern with distribution and allocation of revenues derived from express lanes. Mr. Ramanujan stated 95 percent of net revenues would come back to the corridor.

Member Satterlee requested clarification regarding the operation of express lanes twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. Mr. Ramanujan replied the operation of the lanes 24/7 would provide a mobility scenario with one lane always available for flexibility during periods of congestion.

Member McHugh asked if carpool criteria would remain the same. Mr. Ramanujan stated changes to carpool criteria and requirements are under consideration.

On order of Chairperson Abe-Koga and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed an update on the Silicon Valley Express Lanes Program.

11. Joint Development Portfolio & Priority Schedule

Bijal Patel, Deputy Director Property Development and Management, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Joint Development Portfolio and Priority Schedule highlighting the revised Joint Development policy framework.

Ms. Patel reported the Board of Directors approved a revised Joint Development Policy in April 2009 which establishes specific goals for the program and a Joint Implementation Plan to achieve those goals. The two documents are referred as the Joint Development Guidance (JD) Documents. These documents specify the asset management tools for the program. The Real Estate Inventory (RE Inventory) comprehensively identifies and assesses VTA's revenue generating real estate assets, the Joint Development Portfolio identifies the assets within the RE Inventory that are best suited for joint development, and the Joint Development Priority Schedule targets VTA's limited resources toward the assets best suited to meet the goals of the JD Guidance Documents.

Ms. Patel discussed the research methodology and analysis conducted by VTA staff to reach the recommendations in the staff report. She clarified pursuant to the JD Guidance Documents the VTA Board must approve the JD Portfolio and Priority Schedule.

M/S/C (Page/Wong) to approve the Joint Development Portfolio & Priority Schedule.

Member Lee left the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

12. Light Rail System Analysis

Andrew Ittigson, Senior Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Light Rail System Analysis. Mr. Ittigson stated the Light Rail System Analysis is designed to provide a comprehensive evaluation of the infrastructure and operational flexibility of the existing light rail system as well as an evaluation of operational impacts and user benefits to the system of the planned light rail and BART extensions.

Mr. Ittigson provided the background and overview of the project's schedule. He discussed components to move the project forward, scenarios and technical assessments of the project, and scenario alternatives for the existing and proposed light rail system routes.

Mr. Ittigson stated the projected goals for the project include: 1) faster service; 2) better rail connections; 3) integrate Almaden into the Light Rail System; and 4) propose new direct services to San Jose State University and direct service from Alum Rock to Mountain View.

Mr. Ittigson reported Next Steps will include: 1) technical analysis; 2) cost estimating; 3) cost/benefit analysis; 4) preparation of an investment plan; and 5) Board approval.

Alternate Member Wright expressed concern with parking at Park and Ride facilities in the West Valley.

On order of Chairperson Abe-Koga and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Light Rail System Analysis.

OTHER

13. Committee Work Plan

The Committee reviewed the Work Plan.

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

14. Announcements

There were no Announcements

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Golzio, Board Assistant
Office of the Board Secretary