

Policy Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 11, 2010

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

On general consensus, there being no objection the Committee appointed Member Marby Lee as Chairperson Pro Tempore. The Regular Meeting of the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by Chairperson Pro Tempore Marby Lee in Conference Room B-104 Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Jim Griffith	City of Sunnyvale	Present
David Whittum (Alternate)	City of Sunnyvale	N/A
Howard Miller	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
Gilbert Wong	City of Cupertino	Present
TBD (Alt)	City of Cupertino	N/A
Cat Tucker	City of Gilroy	Present
TBD(Alt)	City of Gilroy	N/A
Megan Satterlee	City of Los Altos	Absent
Val Carpenter (Alt)	City of Los Altos	Absent
Joe Pirzynski	Town of Los Gatos	Absent
Diane McNutt (Alt)	Town of Los Gatos	Absent
Pete McHugh	City of Milpitas	Absent
TBD (Alt)	City of Milpitas	N/A
Marshall Anstandig	City of Monte Sereno	Present
Curtis Wright (Alt)	City of Monte Sereno	N/A
Marby Lee	City of Morgan Hill	Present
Steve Tate (Alt)	City of Morgan Hill	N/A
John Inks	City of Mountain View	Present
Jac Siegel (Alt)	City of Mountain View	N/A
Gail Price	City of Palo Alto	Present
Larry Klein (Alt)	City of Palo Alto	N/A
Kansen Chu	City of San Jose	Absent
Jamie Matthews	City of Santa Clara	Absent
Jamie McLeod (Alt)	City of Santa Clara	Absent
TBD	Town of Los Altos Hills	

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, provided an overview of the Board of Director's February 4, 2010 meeting. He introduced Sandra Weymouth, Board Secretary. He noted the Board adopted resolutions from the State for \$3.3 million in transit security grants, and also adopted the VTA 2010 Short Range Transit Plan.

Mr. Lawson commented that the Ad-Hoc Recovery Committee met on January 27, 2010, and February 10, 2010 and reported that Vice Chairperson Joe Pirzynski represents the PAC on the Ad-Hoc Committee. The Committee has established an aggressive work plan and meeting schedule. To date the Committee has received a presentation on the VTA Biennial Budget, sales tax history, the Hay Group Report, the Financial Stability Committee, and the Bureau of State Audits.

5. Chairperson's Report

There was no Chairperson's Report.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Minutes of January 14, 2010

M/S/C (Wong/Kotowski) to approve the Minutes of January 14, 2010.

7. Programmed Project Monitoring – Quarterly Report

On order of Chairperson Pro Tempore Lee and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Programmed Project Monitoring – Quarterly Report.

REGULAR

8. New Cycle STP/CMAQ “Block” Program Structure

Marcella Rensi, Manager Programming and Grants, provided an overview of the staff report.

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

Members of the Committee requested clarification regarding the following: 1) application process and when those funds would be available for projects; 2) clarification of the timing of future funding cycles; and 3) requested clarification about “payback” requirements for the cities that would receive the Local Streets and Roads fund augmentations. Staff provided clarification regarding the application process and the “payback” requirements.

M/S/C (Wong/Tucker) to adopt the “Block Grant” Program structure for programming future Federal flexible funds through the Congestion Management Agency.

9. Project Readiness Initiative

Marcella Rensi, Manager Programming and Grants, provided an overview of the staff report.

M/S/C (Wong/Tucker) to approve the use of up to \$1,000,000 in Local Program Reserve funding for the Project Readiness Initiative as described in the memorandum; and Authorize the General Manager to execute funding agreements with member agencies, as necessary to implement the program.

10. Statewide Local Streets and Needs Assessment Survey

Ying Smith, Transportation Planning Manager, provided an overview of the staff report.

M/S/C (Wong/Tucker) to accept the findings of the California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment and authorize the General Manager to provide advocacy support to the efforts of the sponsors of the Study, as appropriate, in increasing funding for local streets and roads.

11. Transportation System Monitoring Program Final Report

Eugene Maeda, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the staff report. He introduced Joe Guerre, Cambridge Systematics, Inc. Mr. Guerre provided technical assistance in developing the Transportation System Monitoring Program.

Some members of the Committee asked VTA staff to share the comments from the Technical Advisory Committee regarding the preparation of the Transportation System Monitoring Program Final Report every three years rather than on an annual basis to be more aligned with the need for the report as well as the availability of local staff resources for the effort.

M/S/C (Price/Inks) to receive the Transportation System Monitoring Program (TSMP) Final Report.

12. ABAG Socioeconomic Projections and Historical Data

Ying Smith, Transportation Planning Manager, and Robert Swierk, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the staff report.

Some members of the Committee expressed concern regarding the accuracy of the ABAG projections. They raised a question as to where Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) figures are derived. Staff responded RHNA figures are derived from ABAG projections. Staff acknowledged the Committee's concern and commented that VTA does not develop the projections but assists Member Agencies in allocating the projections to zones within their jurisdictions.

On order of Chairperson Pro Tempore Lee and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the ABAG Socioeconomic Projections and Historical Data.

13. Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for October-December 2009

Robert Swierk, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the staff report.

Members expressed concern that the VTA document addressing the 49ers Santa Clara Stadium Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) should have included the planned Lawrence /Wildwood roadway project.

Some members of the Committee inquired whether staff would provide potential impacts of High Speed Rail for any project near the alignment that VTA reviews. VTA staff answered in the affirmative.

A question was raised regarding VTA's comments on the Cherry Orchard Project located in Gilroy. VTA staff responded the project is in the Notice of Preparation stage and therefore comments should focus on what the Lead Agency should analyze, not on the merits of the project.

On order of Chairperson Pro Tempore Lee and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for October-December 2009.

OTHER

14. Committee Work Plan

The Committee reviewed the Work Plan.

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15. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

16. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Pro Tempore Lee and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Golzio, Board Assistant
Office of the Board Secretary