

Policy Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 13, 2010

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) was called to order at 4:06 p.m. by Chairperson Jamie Matthews 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	NA
Howard Miller	City of Saratoga	Present
Kathleen King (Alt)	City of Saratoga	NA
Dave Cortese	SCC Board of Supervisors	Absent
Michael F. Kotowski	City of Campbell	Present
Jason Baker (Alt)	City of Campbell	NA
Gilbert Wong	City of Cupertino	Present
Barry Chang(Alt)	City of Cupertino	NA
Cat Tucker	City of Gilroy	Present
TBD(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
Vacant	City of Milpitas	Absent
TBD (Alt)	City of Milpitas	NA
Marshall Anstandig	City of Monte Sereno	NA
Curtis Wright (Alt)	City of Monte Sereno	Present
Marby Lee	City of Morgan Hill	Present
Steve Tate (Alt)	City of Morgan Hill	NA
John Inks	City of Mountain View	Present
Jac Siegel (Alt)	City of Mountain View	NA
Gail Price	City of Palo Alto	Present
Larry Klein (Alt)	City of Palo Alto	NA
Kansen Chu	City of San Jose	Absent
Jamie Matthews	City of Santa Clara	Present
Jamie McLeod (Alt)	City of Santa Clara	NA
TBD	Town of Los Altos Hills	Absent

A quorum was present.

2. **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Chairperson Matthews noted the Committee's request to move the following agenda items from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda: Agenda Item #6 - Approve the Minutes of April 8, 2010; and Agenda Item #7 – Recommend the Board of Directors approve the Fiscal Year 2011 Congestion Management Work Program.

Chairperson Matthews noted the Committee's request to move to the beginning of the Regular Agenda Item #12 - Recommend the Board of Directors take the following actions: 1) Adopt a resolution to place a ballot measure before the voters of Santa Clara County November 2010 to authorize a \$10 increase in the fees of motor vehicle registration for transportation-related projects and programs, containing a finding of fact that the projects and programs to be funded by the fee increase have a relationship or benefit to the persons who will be paying the fee and the projects or programs are consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan; and 2) Adopt an expenditure plan allocating the revenue to transportation-related programs and projects that have a relationship or benefit to the persons who pay the fee.

M/S/C (Kotowski/Wong) to accept the 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 May 6, 2010 meeting, noting the Board approved all items on the Agenda including: 1) adopting a resolution finding that use of the design-build process for the Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension (SVBX) Project will reduce project costs and expedite the project's completion and authorize the General Manager to proceed with the solicitation of design-build contractors for the SVBX project; and 2) adopting the Light Rail System Analysis Improvement Plan with a consideration of a modified "T" version.

Mr. Lawson announced that VTA launched a "Facebook" page on the internet. The page provides a dynamic interactive forum for sharing information and obtaining feedback on upcoming projects, studies, and services.

Joe Pirzynski, PAC Committee Member and Ad-Hoc Committee Stakeholder, provided an overview of the April 28, 2010 Ad-Hoc meeting. He reported, "Ideas for Consideration," listed on the Potential Savings Matrix were discussed at the meeting. Some of the proposed scenarios include transitioning away from the ECO Pass program, consideration of a ballot measure to eliminate the 30-year sunset for Measure A, consider transit as a recipient of some SB 83 funds, across the board layoffs, across the board wage cuts, health benefit modifications, the reductions of advertising, marketing costs, and the reduction of contribution levels to regional partners (Caltrain, ACE, Dumbarton Express, Highway 17 Express, and the Monterey – San Jose Express.

Member Pirzynski announced the next Ad-Hoc Financial Recovery Committee is scheduled to meet Wednesday, May 26, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. in the VTA River Oaks Auditorium.

5. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Matthews recommended a Committee tour of the Closed Circuit TV and Security System at the River Oaks Campus. He also noted at the June meeting the Committee will discuss if the scheduled meeting in July will be cancelled.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

6. (Removed from the Consent Agenda and Placed on the Regular Agenda)

Approve the Minutes of April 8, 2010.

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

FY2011 CMP Work Program

8. Amendments to the Policy Advisory Committee Bylaws

Stephen Flynn, Senior Management Analyst, provided an overview of the staff report.

The Committee considered the proposed changes to the bylaws and unanimously recommended that the Board of Directors approve the staff recommendation. A question was also raised on Section 5.4 of the bylaws, which was not under consideration.

M/S/C (Satterlee/Lee) to approve a minor amendment to the Policy Advisory Committee bylaws clarifying the role and responsibilities of alternate members.

9. Programmed Project Monitoring – Quarterly Report

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

The Agenda was taken out of order.

REGULAR

12. Senate Bill 83 – Vehicle Registration Fee

Scott Haywood, Policy and Communications Manager, provided an overview of the staff report. Mr. Haywood reported Senate Bill 83 (Hancock) was signed into law in 2009. He provided the results of electorate polling.

The Committee discussed the issue of establishing a fee in perpetuity versus temporary, categories of the proposed plan which were questionable from a benefit connection standpoint including pedestrian and bicycle improvements and transit access and efficiency.

The Committee discussed whether HOV/HOT Lanes was appropriate to include into the proposed plan. They commented that other Federal/State funding may be available to fund those highway projects.

The Committee discussed the “return to source” formula and the concerns expressed by members from the Cities of Sunnyvale and Mountain View.

M/S/C (Satterlee/Pirzynski) on a vote of 10 Ayes to 2 Noes, to recommend the Board of Directors take the following actions: 1) Adopt a resolution to place a ballot measure before the voters of Santa Clara County in November 2010 to authorize a \$10 increase in the fees of motor vehicle registration for transportation-related projects and programs, containing a finding of fact that the projects and programs to be funded by the fee increase have a relationship or benefit to the persons who will be paying the fee and the projects or programs are consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan; and 2) Adopt an expenditure plan allocating the revenue to transportation-related programs and projects that have a relationship or benefit to the persons who pay the fee. Furthermore, the Committee recommended the Board of Directors remove the HOV/HOT Lane from the list of eligible projects in the expenditure plan and consider a ten year sunset versus perpetuity. Members Griffith and Inks opposed.

Member Lee left the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

10. FY2010/11 TDA3 Project Priorities

Bill Hough, Transportation Planner III, provided an overview of the staff report.

M/S/C (Pirzynski/Wong) on a vote of 10 Ayes to 1 Noe, to recommend the Board of Directors adopt a resolution approving the project priorities for the FY2010/11 TDA3 Project Priorities. Member Griffith opposed.

11. **Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for January-March 2010**

(Deferred)

6. **Minutes of April 8, 2010**

M/S/C (Pirzynski/Wong) on a of 10 Ayes to 1 Noe, to approve the Minutes of April 8, 2010, to reflect discussion by Member Griffith regarding agenda Item #7 Light Rail Transit Systems Analysis - Final Plan Adoption. Member Griffith requested the record reflect the consideration of a long "T" option in Mountain View. He stated if the cost to construct double tracking at the end of the long "T" extension in Mountain View is prohibitive to consider extending the option along the length where double tracks currently exist for the Light Rail System Analysis. Alternate Member Wright abstained.

7. **FY2011 CMP Work Program**

The Committee discussed the program guidelines regarding impact fees. A member expressed concern VTA only perform activities required by statute.

M/S/C (Pirzynski/Kotowski) on a vote of 10 Ayes to 1 Noe to recommend the Board of Directors approve the Fiscal Year 2011 Congestion Management Work Program. Member Griffith opposed.

OTHER

13. **Committee Work Plan**

The Committee reviewed the Work Plan.

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

14. **Announcements**

There were no Announcements.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

On order of Chairperson Matthews and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 5: 25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Golzio, Board Assistant
Office of the Board Secretary

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