

Policy Advisory Committee

Thursday, September 9, 2010

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 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 |
| Dion Bracco(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 | Absent |
| Marshall Anstandig | City of Monte Sereno | Present |
| Curtis Wright (Alt) | City of Monte Sereno | NA |
| 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 staff's request to defer Agenda Item #9, Co-Op Site Planning Agreement with the City of Morgan Hill.

M/S/C (Kotowski/Wong) to accept the Orders of the Day

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no Public Presentations.

The Agenda was taken out of order

5. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Matthews announced Vice Chairperson Pirzynski will review the Ad-Hoc Financial Recovery Committee's final recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Vice Chairperson Pirzynski reported the Ad-Hoc Financial Recovery Committee reached its objective to establish guidance for the Board of Directors to achieve long term cost savings and maximize revenue to support VTA operations preserving jobs as well as VTA service.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Minutes of May 13, 2010

Member Satterlee requested staff provide the referenced PAC bylaw changes to the Committee.

M/S/C (Kotowski/Tucker) to approve the Minutes of May 13, 2010.

7. VTP Highway Program Semi-Annual Report – April 2010

On order of Chairperson Matthews and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the VTP Highway Program Semi-Annual Report – April 2010.

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

REGULAR

4. Committee Staff Report

Scott Haywood, Policy and Communications Manager, introduced Michael T. Burns, General Manager.

Michael T. Burns, General Manager, discussed the following: 1) budget challenges; 2) revenue reductions; 3) VTA's short term financial outlook; 4) Current purchase of hybrid diesel buses; 5) SVRT project update; 6) Express Light Rail Service; and 7) Caltrain financial challenges.

8. Report on Regional Measure 2 Safe Routes to Transit (SRTT) Funds for the VTA Pilot Bike Share Program

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

She stated in August 2009, staff applied for a grant of \$500,000 from the Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Safe Routes to Transit program to fund a Pilot Bike Share Program in Santa Clara County. In December 2009, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) approved the VTA Pilot Bike Share Program for funding in the SRTT cycle.

Member Lee inquired what is meant by the "human factor." Ms. Smith clarified the human factor refers to the interaction between participants in the bike sharing program and their interactions with logistics of the program.

Member Price inquired if this project is phased or a demonstration project. Ms. Smith stated the pilot program is phased.

On order of Chairperson Matthews and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Report on Regional Measure 2 Safe Routes to Transit (SRTT) Funds for the VTA Pilot Bike Share Program.

9. Co-Op Site Planning Agreement with the City of Morgan Hill

(Deferred)

10. State Route 152 Trade Corridor Project Status

Casey Emoto, Deputy Director of Project Development, provided an overview of the staff report.

Mr. Emoto stated the purpose of the project is to improve State Route 152 between US 101 and SR 99 as an east-west trade and mobility corridor.

Omar Chatty, Interested Citizen, expressed his opposition to toll roads.

On order of Chairperson Matthews and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the State Route 152 Trade Corridor Project Status.

11. **Grand Boulevard Initiative (GBI) – Multimodal Transportation Corridor Plan**

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

Member Inks asked if Caltrans had been factored into the GBI. Staff replied Caltrans' control of the roadway is a major factor and involved extensively in the GBI Corridor Plan process.

Chairperson Matthews added the City of San Jose is in the process of arranging to have control of The Alameda relinquished from Caltrans to San Jose. He asked how the advantages of relinquishment could benefit other cities. Staff responded the main advantage is greater control of roadway design.

Member Price asked whether consideration had been given to the relationship between the GBI and SB375 planning to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Staff replied the GBI could serve as a model for a corridor-based approach.

Omar Chatty, Interested Citizen, expressed concern the GBI could interfere with the traffic signal timing on El Camino, and create more congestion.

On order of Chairperson Matthews and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Grand Boulevard Initiative – Multimodal Transportation Corridor Plan.

12. **I-680 Express Lanes Update**

Casey Emoto, Deputy Director Project Development, provided an overview of the staff report.

Some members of the Committee asked if decisions about hours of operation and other operational parameters for express lanes under study in Santa Clara County have been decided. They expressed concern regarding hours of operation.

The Committee requested staff return to the PAC regarding Board actions taken on this item.

Staff announced the ribbon cutting marking the opening of the I-680 Express Lane is scheduled for September 16, 2010 at 10 a.m. near the Sheridan Road interchange.

Omar Chatty, Interested Citizen, expressed his concern with express lanes.

On order of Chairperson Matthews and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the I-680 Express Lanes Update.

Chairperson Matthews left the meeting at 5:00 p.m.,
Vice Chairperson Pirzynski presided over the meeting.

13. SB 375 Sustainable Community Strategies

John Sighamony, Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the staff report.

Member Satterlee commented the Regional Agencies should look at the location of jobs when considering housing needs. She also asked if the Regional Agencies were considering using Vehicle Miles Traveled as a measure of effectiveness in the Sustainable Communities Strategies. VTA staff responded it was unsure at this time however, information regarding details of the Sustainable Communities Strategies will be brought back to the October PAC meeting.

On order of Vice Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the SB 375 Sustainable Community Strategies.

OTHER

14. Committee Work Plan

The Committee reviewed the Work Plan and requested staff provides additional information regarding the I-680 Express Lanes project at a future meeting.

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

15. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

16. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Vice Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Golzio, Board Assistant
Office of the Board Secretary