

Policy Advisory Committee

Wednesday November 10, 2010

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) was called to order at 4:07 p.m. by Chairperson Jamie Matthews in the Auditorium, 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	Absent
Barry Chang(Alt)	City of Cupertino	Absent
Cat Tucker	City of Gilroy	Absent
Dion Bracco(Alt)	City of Gilroy	Absent
Megan Satterlee	City of Los Altos	NA
Casas, David (Alt)	City of Los Altos	Present
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	Absent
Larry Klein (Alt)	City of Palo Alto	Absent
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**

There were no Orders of the Day.

3. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

There were no Public Presentations.

4. **Committee Staff Report**

Jim Lawson, Executive Policy Advisor and Staff Liaison, provided a report, highlighting: 1) VTA unveiled the new hybrid buses. Congress Members Zoe Lofgren and Mike Honda, Silicon Valley Leadership Group (SVLG) President Carl Guardino, and VTA Board Chairperson Sam Liccardo attended the unveiling. The vehicles were purchased with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds and manufactured locally. The manufacturer, Gillig Corporation, estimated that 338 local jobs were supported by the purchase; 2) Ridership indicated a moderate increase over the last year reversing a long-term negative trend; 3) Fare revenues have remained constant; and 4) Bids were received for the Blossom Hill Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing. Completion is scheduled for September 2011.

Mr. Lawson congratulated Chairperson Jamie Matthews for being elected Mayor of the City of Santa Clara and, Member Anstandig re-elected to the Monte Sereno City Council.

Mr. Lawson reported Measure B, the \$10 vehicle registration fee for roadway repairs was passed by voters. Also passed by voters was Proposition 22, which is designed to stop state raids on gas tax funds.

Mr. Lawson noted the Board of Directors recognized outgoing VTA Board Member Don Gage for his leadership and service to VTA. VTA Board Member Liz Kniss will replace Board Member Gage on the Caltrain Board. The Board also recognized retiring Assemblyman Albert Torrico.

Mr. Lawson reported the following items were heard before the Board: 1) Steve Palmer, VTA's federal lobbyist provided a report regarding surface transportation authorization legislation, and the FY 2011 transportation appropriation process; 2) the Board adopted the Final Relocation Plan for the Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension; 3) presentation regarding the new BART vehicle acquisition status; and 4) the Board authorized an agreement with the City of San Jose for a West San Carlos Light Rail Station plan using developer fees to study and identify sources of capital and operating funds.

On order of Chairperson Matthews and there being no objection, the Committee received the Committee Staff Report.

5. **Chairperson's Report**

Chairperson Matthews provided a report highlighting: 1) Joint Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for December 8, 2010 is cancelled; 2) election of PAC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson has been scheduled for the January 13, 2011 meeting; and 4) VTA's bond sale is progressing well, with commitments of \$641 million in proceeds from both tax exempt and taxable instruments.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Minutes of October 14, 2010

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

7. Programmed Project Monitoring – Quarterly Report

M/S/C (Kotowski/Griffith) to receive the Programmed Project Monitoring – Quarterly Report.

8. Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for July through September 2010

M/S/C (Kotowski/Griffith) to receive the Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for July through September 2010.

REGULAR AGENDA

9. State Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Marcella Rensi, Transportation Planning Manager, Planning & Grants, provided an overview of the staff report.

M/S/C (Griffith/Miller) to recommend the Board of Directors amend the 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Program for Santa Clara County reprogramming \$50.44 million to the Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Project – Berryessa Extension from the Airport People Mover Project. Authorize funding the Airport People Mover Project in the 2012-2013 Measure A Capital Budget.

Member Pirzynski took his seat at 4:25 p.m.

10. TFCA 40% - Project Selection Criteria

Bill Hough, Transportation Planner III, provided an overview of the staff report. He reported the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) received this item as part of its agenda at the October 10, 2010 meeting and approved the staff recommendation.

The Committee discussed project selection and scoring criterion. They recommended staff return with an annual update of the policy. VTA staff proposes a new screening rule that indicates “only projects where all other funding is secured or committed will be considered for TFCA 40% funding.”

M/S/C (Miller/Griffith) to recommend that the Board of Directors modify the criteria used to evaluate and select projects for the Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) Program Manager fund and review the status of ongoing Santa Clara County TFCA projects. The Committee requested staff return with an annual update of this policy.

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

11. Vehicle Emissions Reductions Based at Schools Program

Celeste Fiore, Transportation Planner II, provided an overview of the staff report. She provided an updated memorandum for this item.

Alternate Member Casas commented that an additional call for projects with a longer time frame could result in stronger applications.

M/S/C (Pirzynski/Inks) on a vote of 8 ayes to 1 no to 0 abstentions to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the recommended Vehicle Emissions Reductions Based at Schools (VERBS) Program projects. Alternate Member Casas opposed.

12. Community Design & Transportation FY11/12 Capital Grants Awards

Celeste Fiore, Transportation Planner II, provided an overview of the staff report. She presented an updated memorandum for this item.

M/S/C (Kotowski/Griffith) to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the recommended projects for the Community Design and Transportation Program.

13. SB 375 – Sustainable Communities Strategy Update

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

Member Pirzynski, requested clarification regarding the housing allocation process and inquired if the Regional Agencies requested each County to make a decision on the preferred allocation process. Staff responded that the Regional Agencies are offering the Counties an opportunity to discuss a preferred process and a decision should be made by March 2011. Staff also noted that the Santa Clara County Association of Planning Managers (SCCAPO) requested that they be the lead in the housing allocation process.

Member Miller questioned how the entire process would work within Santa Clara County given the timeframes. Staff responded that it is difficult to tell at this point; however, it should be noted that this process is new and will become defined and clarified as the process moves forward.

On order of Chairperson Matthews and there being no objection, the Committee received an update on the SB 375 – Sustainable Communities Strategy.

OTHER

14. Committee Work Plan

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

15. Announcements

Member Miller asked members to respond to the PAC Nominating Committee if they are interested in holding office in 2011.

Alternate Member Casas invited the Committee to the Cities Association upcoming dinner at the Los Altos County Club. Alternate Member Casas announced November 28, 2010 the City of Los Altos will close its main street downtown for holiday festivities.

16. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Matthews and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 5:18p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Office of the Board Secretary