

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 10, 2011

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Chairperson Pirzynski in Conference Room B-104, Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Jeffrey Cristina	City of Campbell	Present
Michael Kotowski (Alternate)	City of Campbell	NA
Barry Chang	City of Cupertino	Present
Orrin Mahoney (Alternate)	City of Cupertino	NA
Cat Tucker	City of Gilroy	Present
Dion Bracco (Alternate)	City of Gilroy	NA
Megan Satterlee, Vice Chairperson	City of Los Altos	Present
Jarrett Fishpaw (Alternate)	City of Los Altos	NA
<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Town of Los Altos Hills</i>	<i>NA</i>
<i>Vacant (Alternate)</i>	<i>Town of Los Altos Hills</i>	<i>NA</i>
Joe Pirzynski, Chairperson	Town of Los Gatos	Present
Diane McNutt (Alternate)	Town of Los Gatos	NA
Armando Gomez	City of Milpitas	Present
<i>Vacant (Alternate)</i>	<i>City of Milpitas</i>	<i>NA</i>
Lana Malloy	City of Monte Sereno	Absent
Burton Craig (Alternate)	City of Monte Sereno	Absent
Larry Carr	City of Morgan Hill	Present
Rich Constantine (Alternate)	City of Morgan Hill	NA
John Inks	City of Mountain View	Present
Jac Siegel (Alternate)	City of Mountain View	NA
Gail Price	City of Palo Alto	Present
Nancy Shepherd (Alternate)	City of Palo Alto	NA
Kansen Chu	City of San Jose	Present
Jamie Matthews	City of Santa Clara	Absent
Jamie McLeod (Alternate)	City of Santa Clara	Absent
Howard Miller	City of Saratoga	Present
Emily Lo (Alternate)	City of Saratoga	NA
Jim Griffith	City of Sunnyvale	Present
David Whittum (Alternate)	City of Sunnyvale	NA
Mike Wasserman	SCC Board of Supervisors	Present

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 and Staff Liaison, announced that Wi-Fi was available for the Committee Members.

Mr. Lawson reported that at the February 17, 2011 Transit Planning and Operations (TP&O) Committee meeting, Member Campos and Chairperson Larsen volunteered to serve on the Ad-Hoc Revenue Enhancement Committee (REC) to focus on marketing efforts to increase ridership and improve VTA's public image.

Mr. Lawson noted the following: 1) Silicon Valley Leadership Group (SVLG) Caltrain Summit Steering Committee meeting on February 25, 2011; 2) Caltrain Board Public Hearing on March 3, 2011; 3) Blossom Hill Pedestrian Overcrossing Project Groundbreaking on the March 4, 2011.

Mr. Lawson provided a brief overview of the March 3, 2011 Board of Director's Regular Meeting, highlighting: 1) positive trends in VTA's rail ridership levels; 2) marketing efforts to increase ridership; 3) adopted resolutions to advance options for Caltrain funding; 4) approved design changes to the BART Silicon Valley Project; 5) adopted the Express Bus Business Plan; and 6) certified the BART Extension Project Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR-2).

5. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Pirzynski commented on the Advisory Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs meeting with VTA's Board Chairperson Abe-Koga and Michael T. Burns, General Manager on February 24, 2011, adding that this will be a quarterly meeting.

Member Chang arrived at the meeting and took his seat at 4:12 p.m.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Minutes of February 10, 2011

M/S/C (Griffith/Wasserman) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2011.

7. FY 2012 Congestion Management Program (CMP) Work Program

M/S/C (Griffith/Wasserman) to review the Fiscal Year 2012 Congestion Management Work Program.

8. Transit Operations Performance Report – FY 2011 Second Quarter Report

M/S/C (Griffith/Wasserman) to review the Transportation Operations Performance Report – FY 2011 Second Quarter Report.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

9. **2011 Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) Program Manager Fund**

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

Upon query from Member Wasserman, Ms. Rensi responded staff would send him the scoring criteria.

M/S/C (Miller/Cristina) to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the programming of FY 2011/12 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program Manager (TFCA 40 percent) funds to projects.

10. **Valley Transportation Plan, Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategies Update**

Ying Smith, Transportation Planner Manager, provided an overview of the staff report and distributed a handout entitled, "Working Draft Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2040 Outreach Work Plan." The update focuses on the development of the VTP 2040 project lists, the release of the Initial Vision Results, and documenting public outreach activities by involving "communities of concern."

Ms. Smith briefly discussed the schedule for upcoming Key Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) Milestones.

Chris Augenstein, Deputy Director, referenced the Initial Vision Scenario (IVS) and SCS, noting VTA needs to meet target goals of these detailed scenarios.

Upon query from Members of the Committee, Mr. Augenstein responded that staff would distribute to the Committee the following links regarding AB 1493 (Pavley) - Clean Car Standards and SB 375 (Steinberg) - Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Ms. Smith reported that staff is currently conducting outreach efforts and will conduct a kick-off Public Informational Meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. held at VTA River Oaks Campus in the Auditorium.

Ms. Smith commented on staff's proposal to conduct a joint meeting between VTA's PAC Committee and the Cities Association to provide an opportunity for Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to overview the Initial Vision Scenario with the elected officials on the PAC Committee.

The consensus of the Committee was to coordinate a joint meeting with the Cities Association on April 14, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in Sunnyvale.

On order of Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the Committee received the Valley Transportation Plan, Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategies Update.

11. **Silicon Valley Express Lanes Program Update**

Murali Ramanujam, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that in December 2008, VTA's Board approved the Silicon Valley Express Lanes Program, which will implement a roadway pricing system to allow solo commuters to use the available space in carpool lanes for a fee.

Mr. Ramanujam stated AB 2032 (Dutra) allows VTA to develop and operate express lanes on freeways containing HOV lanes in Santa Clara County. The County of Santa

Clara has targeted State Route (SR) 237 and US 101/SR 85 corridors to develop and operate express lanes.

Upon query of the Committee, Mr. Ramanujam responded that staff has conducted extensive public outreach efforts, noting that the express lanes program and online survey are available on VTA's website.

Members of the Committee noted concern of the possibility of the express lanes negatively impacting carpoolers.

Mr. Ramanujam commented on the success of the I-680 Express Lanes Project; and the planned enhancements to SR 237/I-880 Express Connectors and US 101/SR 85 Express Lanes.

On order of Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the Committee received the Silicon Valley Express Lanes Program Update.

OTHER

12. Committee Work Plan

Mr. Lawson noted the Committee's request to conduct a joint meeting with the Cities Association in Sunnyvale at its April 14, 2011 PAC meeting. Mr. Lawson stated that staff will make the request to the Cities Association to coordinate the details for the joint meeting.

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

13. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

14. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the Committee Meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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