

## POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 14, 2011

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by Chairperson Pirzynski in the West Conference Room, Sunnyvale City Hall, 456 West Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, California.

#### 1. ROLL CALL

| Attendee Name                     | Representing                    | Status  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| Jeffrey Cristina                  | City of Campbell                | Present |
| Michael Kotowski (Alternate)      | City of Campbell                | NA      |
| Barry Chang                       | City of Cupertino               | Absent  |
| Orrin Mahoney (Alternate)         | City of Cupertino               | Absent  |
| 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>  | NA      |
| <i>Vacant (Alternate)</i>         | <i>Town of Los Altos Hills</i>  | NA      |
| Joe Pirzynski, Chairperson        | Town of Los Gatos               | Present |
| Diane McNutt (Alternate)          | Town of Los Gatos               | NA      |
| Armando Gomez                     | City of Milpitas                | Absent  |
| <i>Vacant (Alternate)</i>         | <i>City of Milpitas</i>         | NA      |
| 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 José                | Absent  |
| <i>Vacant (Alternate)</i>         | <i>City of San José</i>         | NA      |
| Jamie Matthews                    | City of Santa Clara             | Present |
| Jamie McLeod (Alternate)          | City of Santa Clara             | NA      |
| Howard Miller                     | City of Saratoga                | Absent  |
| Emily Lo (Alternate)              | City of Saratoga                | Absent  |
| Jim Griffith                      | City of Sunnyvale               | Present |
| David Whittum (Alternate)         | City of Sunnyvale               | NA      |
| Mike Wasserman                    | SCC Board of Supervisors        | Present |
| <i>Vacant (Alternate)</i>         | <i>SCC Board of Supervisors</i> | NA      |

**A quorum was not present and a Committee of the Whole was declared.**

## 2. **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Chairperson Pirzynski deferred voting for all items on the agenda pending arrival of a quorum.

## 3. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Steven Levin, concerned citizen, referenced Agenda Item #7, VTP 2040 Initial Project Lists, and expressed the need for highway improvements throughout Santa Clara County.

**The agenda was taken out of order.**

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### 6. **Minutes of March 10, 2011**

**On order of Chairperson Pirzynski** and there being no objection, the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2011, was deferred pending the arrival of a quorum.

#### 7. **(Removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.)**

Recommend that the Board of Directors adopt the Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2040 initial project list for submittal to Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

#### 8. **(Removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.)**

Recommend that the Board of Directors receive the results of the Noise Reduction Screening study and approve the changes in the process for evaluating the cost-effectiveness of sound walls in Santa Clara County.

#### 9. **FY 2012 and FY 2013 CMP Work Program**

**On order of Chairperson Pirzynski** and there being no objection, the FY 2012 and FY 2013 CMP Work Program was deferred pending the arrival of a quorum.

#### 10. **(Removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.)**

Receive the Local Program Reserve Program Update.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### 7. **Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2040**

Chris Augenstein, Deputy Director Planning, and John Ristow, Chief Congestion Management Agency Officer, responded to questions from Members of the Committee regarding the inclusion of additional, public-recommended projects to the VTP 2040 Plan.

**Member Carr took his seat at 4:20 p.m.**

**On order of Chairperson Pirzynski** and there being no objection, the Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2040 initial project list was deferred pending the arrival of a quorum.

**8. Noise Reduction Screening Study**

Members of the Committee recommended VTA clarify that geographic differences in cost reasonableness should be allowed to account for variations in construction costs rather than housing costs. Christina Jaworski, Senior Environmental Planner, noted this change would be made to the document.

**On order of Chairperson Pirzynski** and there being no objection, the Noise Reduction Screening Study was deferred pending the arrival of a quorum.

**10. Local Program Reserve Program Update**

Members of the Committee questioned the long-term mechanisms in place to ensure equitable spending among the cities. Mr. Ristow stated staff would bring the policy and procedure developed by staff to the committees.

**Member Tucker took her seat at 4:27 p.m. and a quorum was declared.**

**Member Matthews took his seat at 4:30 p.m.**

**On order of Chairperson Pirzynski** and there being no objection, the Committee received the Local Program Reserve Program Update.

**6. Minutes of March 10, 2011**

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

**9. FY 2012 and FY 2013 CMP Work Program**

M/S/C (Griffith/Inks) to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the Fiscal Year 2012 and Fiscal Year 2013 Congestion Management Work Program.

**7. Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2040**

M/S/C (Griffith/Inks) to recommend that the Board of Directors adopt the Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2040 initial project list for submittal to Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

**8. Noise Reduction Screening Study**

M/S/C (Griffith/Inks) to recommend that the Board of Directors receive the results of the Noise Reduction Screening study and approve the changes in the process for evaluating the cost-effectiveness of sound walls in Santa Clara County.

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

**4. Committee Staff Report**

Jim Lawson, Executive Policy Advisor and Staff Liaison, reported: 1) at its last meeting the Caltrain Board directed staff to come back to the Board with a plan to continue supporting the 86-train schedule that it currently operates under; 2) Caltrain's ridership update showed the highest ridership in history, with 41,442 average weekday ridership boardings; 3) the Caltrain Board identified the need to determine a way to support a positive system; 4) there is a \$3.5 million gap in the operating budget based on the one-time funds from a variety of sources; 5) the Caltrain Board is still working to close that gap and create a two-year budget that would maintain the 86-train schedule.

Members of the Committee questioned when an update on Caltrain's strategic plan would be received by the Committee. Mr. Lawson stated Caltrain's strategic plan would be placed on a future agenda.

**5. Chairperson's Report**

There was no Chairperson's report.

**11. Valley Transportation Plan, Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy activities**

Staff notified the Committee that they would be receiving an update on the Valley Transportation Plan, Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy activities during the PAC's joint meeting with the Cities Association of Santa Clara County immediately following the PAC meeting.

**On order of Chairperson Pirzynski** and there being no objection, the Committee deferred receiving the Local Program Reserve Program Update to the PAC's joint meeting with the Cities Association of Santa Clara County.

**OTHER**

**12. PAC Work Plan**

**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 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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