

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 9, 2011

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) was called to order at 4:06 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	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>	
<i>Vacant (Alternate)</i>	<i>Town of Los Altos Hills</i>	
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>	
Lana Malloy	City of Monte Sereno	Absent
Burton Craig (Alternate)	City of Monte Sereno	Absent
Larry Carr	City of Morgan Hill	Absent
Rich Constantine (Alternate)	City of Morgan Hill	Absent
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	Absent
Jamie Matthews	City of Santa Clara	Present
Jamie McLeod (Alternate)	City of Santa Clara	NA
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**

Chairperson Pirzynski noted staff's request to move **Agenda Item # 11**. Silicon Valley Rapid Transit (SVRT) Program Update before **Agenda Item #8**. VTA Guiding Principles for the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

On order of Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the Committee accepted the Orders of the Day.

3. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

There were no Public Presentations.

4. **Committee Staff Report**

Jim Lawson, Executive Policy Advisory and Staff Liaison, provided a brief overview of the June 2, 2011 Board of Director's Regular Meeting, highlighting: 1) approved VTA's Biennial Budget Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013; 2) approved FY 2012 and FY 2013 Annual Transit Service Plan; 3) approved the Noise Reduction Screening Study; 4) commented on the June 24, 2011 Board of Director's Regular Meeting; 5) Ad-Hoc Revenue Enhancement Committee (REC) is currently working on developing marketing initiatives; and 6) approved the Recommended FY 2012 Internal Audit Work Plan.

Mr. Lawson provided a brief report on the June 2, 2011 Caltrain Board Meeting, noting 1) approved Caltrain's Fiscal Year 2012 Operating Budget; 2) noted the Caltrain Partners will meet in June to identify solutions to address the following years operating budget; and 3) noted the Silicon Valley Leadership Group (SVLG) and Caltrain Stakeholders Group are scheduled to meet on Monday, June 13, 2011 to discuss the latest polling results to identify a dedicated revenue source for Caltrain operations.

VTA staff is currently researching new vehicles to replace the community bus vehicles.

5. **Chairperson's Report**

There was no Chairperson's Report.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

6. **Regular Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2011**

M/S/C (Griffith/Price) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2011.

7. **Transit Operations Performance Report – FY 2011 Third Quarter Report**

M/S/C (Griffith/Price) to receive the Transit Operations Performance Report – FY 2011 Third Quarter Report.

Member Matthews arrived and took his seat at 4:15 p.m.

The Agenda was taken out of order.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

11. Silicon Valley Rapid Transit (SVRT) Program Update

Bernice Alaniz, Deputy Director of Marketing and Public Affairs for the SVRT Program, reported on the handout entitled, "BART Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension Project Update," highlighting: 1) Enhancing Regional Connectivity; 2) Phase 1: Berryessa Extension; 3) Berryessa Extension Funding Plan; 4) Milpitas Station features; 5) Berryessa Station features; 6) First Major contract (C-700) Scope; 7) C720 Contract Scope; 8) Current and Near Term Project Activities; 9) Residential Noise Insulation Program; 10) Upper Penitencia Creek Biological Improvements; 11) Project Alignment – City of Milpitas; 12) Project Alignment – City of San Jose; 13) Community Interest and Outreach; 14) Sierra/Lundy Construction Update; 15) Noise/Vibration/Dust and Mitigation; 16) Traffic and Emergency Access.

Ms. Alaniz reported the Berryessa Extension Project was recommended for the Federal Full Funding Grant Agreement in February 2011 and anticipated execution is January 2012.

Ms. Alaniz provided detailed information about the Milpitas and Berryessa Stations.

Members of the Committee requested the following items: 1) SVRT Landscaping Plan for the stations; and 2) Projected Cost of Trenching when the information becomes available to the public.

On order of Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the Committee received the Silicon Valley Rapid Transit (SVRT) Program Update.

8. VTA Guiding Principles for the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

Scott Haywood, Policy and Community Relations Manager, provided a brief overview of the staff report and reviewed the four goals put forward by the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS).

Mr. Haywood commented on the following three VTA Principles for the SCS and RTP:

- 1) Discretionary Funding should follow Projected Growth;
- 2) Regional Vision Setting / maintain Local Decision Making; and
- 3) Sustainable Communities Strategy must be Practical and Implementable.

Members of the Committee requested that the Guiding Principles for the SCS and RTP include employment growth and further requested that staff provide a red line version of revised items to highlight document changes.

Upon query from Members of the Committee, John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer, responded that Members of the Committee may submit comments on the SCS and RTP principles directly to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) website.

M/S/C (Satterlee/Inks) to recommend that the Board of Directors adopt the VTA's Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Principles as Santa Clara County's position to ensure proper development of a viable Regional Transportation Plan.

9. Annual Transit Service Plan – FY 2012 - 2013

Jim Unites, Operations Deputy Director, reported the Annual Transit Service Plan was adopted by the Board at its June 2, 2011 Board of Directors Regular Meeting.

The Annual Transit Service Plan was developed in conjunction with VTA's Biennial Budget. The plan recommends one percent annual service growth; strengthening of core routes; continuance of Light Rail Express; implementation of Express Bus Study; and preparation for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).

Mr. Unites discussed the revisions to the July 2011 Transit Service Plan based on the comments received from community and public meetings.

Mr. Unites commented on VTA's Express Buses, noting staff is currently in the process of procuring 20 new vehicles, which will offer the following commuter oriented amenities: high backed seats, Wi-Fi, and other attractive amenities and services to encourage ridership. The goal is to eventually have VTA's Express Buses on all the routes within the organization.

Upon query from Members of the Committee, Mr. Unites responded that VTA does its due diligence to ensure that sufficient public outreach is conducted within the community.

On order of Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the FY2012 and FY2013 Annual Transit Service Plan and the recommended service changes.

10. Grand Boulevard and El Camino Real Rapid Transit Update

Mr. Haywood reported that the Grand Boulevard Initiative is a regional collaboration of 19 cities dedicated to the revitalization of the El Camino Real Corridor as it passes through San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties.

The Corridor Plan is a joint effort between San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans), VTA, City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG), and other agencies in partnership with and funded by Caltrans. The goal of the Corridor Plan is to facilitate development of a better match for land-use and transportation on the El Camino Real Corridor in support of smart growth.

On order of Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the Committee received an update on the Grand Boulevard Initiative and the El Camino Real Rapid Transit project.

OTHER

12. Committee Work Plan

Members of the Committee requested the cancellation of the July 14, 2011 PAC 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 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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