

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 8, 2011

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) was called to order at 4:08 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	Absent
Jarrett Fishpaw (Alternate)	City of Los Altos	Absent
<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	Present
<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	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	Absent
Nancy Shepherd (Alternate)	City of Palo Alto	Present
Kansen Chu	City of San Jose	Absent
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 not present and a Committee of the Whole was declared.

2. **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Chairperson Pirzynski noted staffs request to change Agenda Item #12. Diridon Station Area Plan from an Action Item to an Information Item.

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.

Member Griffith arrived at the meeting at 4:15 p.m. and a quorum was established.

4. **Committee Staff Report**

General Manager Report

Michael T. Burns, General Manager, provided a brief report, highlighting: 1) VTA's system-wide ridership increased 2.6 percent; 2) VTA's current marketing promotions to increase ridership; 3) at its September 1, 2011 meeting, VTA's Board approved the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and Transportation Authority Engineers and Architects Association (TAEA) union contract agreements; 4) Caltrain Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2013; 5) TransitAmerica approved to replace Amtrak as Caltrain's operating provider; 6) capacity study conducted for a blended Caltrain/High Speed Rail Service on the Peninsula; 7) State Bill (SB) 791 (Steinberg); 8) Transportation Bill Authorization; and 9) VTA is financially stable and positioned for the new fiscal year.

Member Gomez arrived at the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

Committee Staff Report (continued)

Jim Lawson, Executive Policy Advisory and Staff Liaison, provided an overview of the September 1, 2011 Board of Director's Regular Meeting, highlighting: 1) adopted a position to support the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) application to implement express lanes in the Bay Area; 2) approved extension of the Project Readiness Initiative Program; 3) adopted a Project Labor Agreement for the Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension Project; and 4) adopted a resolution authorizing VTA to issue refunding bonds in a amount not to exceed \$60 million.

5. **Chairperson's Report**

Chairperson Pirzynski announced VTA's Advisory Committee Leadership Follow-Up Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 26, 2011, 5:00 p.m., at VTA River Oaks Campus in Conference Room B-104.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

6. **Regular Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2011**

M/S/C (Cristina/Inks) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2011.

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

7. Regular Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2011

M/S/C (Cristina/Inks) on a vote of 9 ayes to 1 abstention to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2011. Member Griffith abstained.

REGULAR AGENDA

8. 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Marcella Renzi, Transportation Planning Manager, provided a brief staff report, noting the Planning, Programming and Monitoring (PPM) program amount increased from \$1.3 million to \$1.681 million based on new information provided by the State.

Upon query from Members of the Committee, Ms. Renzi referenced the correction in Attachment A, Transportation Enhancements, Item #9, noting the Winchester Boulevard Improvement Project is in the City of Campbell.

M/S/C (Inks/Miller) to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors approve the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for Santa Clara County.

9. Local Program Reserve for San Tomas Expressway Widening

Ms. Renzi provided a brief staff report.

Upon query from Members of the Committee, Ms. Renzi responded that staff will provide the current Local Program Reserve (LPR) account balance to the Members.

M/S/C (Tucker/Inks) to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors approve the programming of \$900,000 in Local Program Reserve (LPR) funds for the County's San Tomas Expressway Widening project.

10. 2011 Transportation System Monitoring Program Report

Eugene Maeda, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a brief overview of the presentation entitled, "2011 Transportation Systems Monitoring Program (TSMP) Draft Report," highlighting: 1) Background and Purpose; 2) Selected Transportation System Areas; 3) Key Findings; 4) Pavement Conditions; 5) Roadside Assets; 6) Roadway Litter, Vegetation Management, and Landscaping; 7) Bridge Conditions; 8) Freeway and Intersection Traffic Conditions; 9) Bicycle Mobility; 10) Other Transportation Systems Monitored; and 11) Potential Future Measures.

Members of the Committee noted concern regarding the bridge conditions and safety issues and asked when is a bridge considered "dangerous." Mr. Lawson responded that staff will provide information on the ratings to the Members.

Upon query from Members of the Committee, Mr. Lawson responded that staff will provide information pertaining to laws requiring truck load cover.

M/S/C (Griffith/Cristina) to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors accept the findings from the 2011 Transportation System Monitoring Program report.

11. Bicycle and Pedestrian Program (BEP) Project Status Semi-Annual Update

Michelle DeRobertis, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a brief summary of the Bicycle Expenditure Program (BEP) Project Funding Status.

On order of Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program (BEP) Project Status Semi-Annual Update.

12. Diridon Station Area Plan

John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer, provided a brief overview of the map entitled, “Diridon Station Area Plan, Preferred Plan – General Description,” noting that the Diridon Station Area is a land use plan on the areas around the station.

Mr. Ristow stated that VTA and Caltrain Joint Powers Board (JPB) are large property owners in the Station East areas of the Central Zone. The City of San Jose is interested in creating a partnership with VTA and Caltrain to enter into an agreement that will enable moving forward with collaborative and comprehensive development for property area in Station East.

On order of Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Diridon Station Area Plan as proposed by the City of San Jose.

13. Valley Transportation Plan (VTP), Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) activities

John Sighamony, Senior Transportation Planner, reported on the development of the RTP, noting the release of three constrained land use scenarios: 1) the Focus Growth Scenario; 2) Core Concentration Growth Scenario; and an 3) Outer Bay Area Growth Scenario as well as the release of the 2035 Network Transportation Scenario and Core Concentration Growth Transportation Scenario.

Mr. Sighamony stated that VTA is currently in the process of developing its own detailed model to utilize and track the issues and concerns.

One Bay Area Grant Proposal Follow-Up

Ms. Rensi provided a brief overview of the handout entitled, “One Bay Area Grant Fact Sheet/Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) One Bay Area Grant Proposal Summary of Proposal Elements and VTA Staff Recommendations,” highlighting: 1) What it does is expands “Block Grant” concept used for last round of State Transportation Program (STP)/Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) (T-2035); 2) new formula for fund distribution; 3) new restrictions; 4) policy requirements; and 5) schedule.

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

14. Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project Pedestrian Improvements

Mr. Lawson provided a brief overview of the presentation entitled, “Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project Pedestrian Improvements Overview and Status,” highlighting: 1) Area Map; 2) Project Phasing – Phase 1 Pedestrian and Bus Improvements and Phase 2 Light Rail Improvements; 3) Construction Photos; 4) Capitol Expressway Extension; 5) Next

Phases for bus and light rail improvements; and 6) Eastridge Transit Center Reconfiguration.

On order of Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the Committee received the Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project Pedestrian Improvements presentation.

OTHER

15. Committee Work Plan

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

16. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

17. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the Committee Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle M. Garza, Board Assistant
VTA Office of the Board Secretary