

**POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Thursday, December 8, 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 Conference Room B-104, Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

**1. ROLL CALL**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
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	Present
Cat Tucker	City of Gilroy	Present
Dion Bracco (Alternate)	City of Gilroy	Absent
Megan Satterlee, Vice Chairperson	City of Los Altos	Present
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	Absent
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	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, Executive Policy Advisor and Staff Liaison, provided an overview of the December 8, 2011 Board of Director's Regular Meeting, highlighting: 1) recognition for Outgoing VTA Board Members Rich Larsen and Chuck Page; 2) Kevin Allmand's retirement from VTA; 3) appointment of Robert Fabela as VTA's new General Counsel; 4) appointment of Ken Yeager as VTA's Board Chairperson for 2012 and Joe Pirzynski as Vice Chairperson for 2012; 5) VTA's partnership with the Marine Corps for the annual Toys for Tots Drive "Stuff the VTA Bus" event; 6) Approval of the Retail Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance; and 7) Approval of several contract amendments associated with the BART Silicon Valley Rapid Transit (SVRT) Project.

Member Carr and Alternate Member Mahoney arrived at the meeting and took their seats at 4:17 p.m.

**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 October 13, 2011**

M/S/C (Griffith/Price) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2011.

**7. Regular Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2011**

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

**8. Transit Operations Performance Report – FY 2012 Quarter 1**

**On order of Chairperson Pirzynski** and there being no objection, the Committee received the Transit Operations Performance Report – FY 2012 Quarter 1.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**9. Nomination Subcommittee Report**

Member Miller and Chairperson Pirzynski provided a brief overview on the Nomination Subcommittee Report for PAC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2012.

Member Miller reported that Member Satterlee's nomination for Chairperson for 2012 and Member Price's nomination for Vice Chairperson for 2012.

Chairperson Pirzynski noted that the Committee would accept nominations from the floor at the January 12, 2012 PAC meeting.

**On order of Chairperson Pirzynski** and there being no objection, the Committee accepted the Nomination Subcommittee Report.

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

Member Inks arrived at the meeting and took his seat at 4:31 p.m.

**10. VTP 2040 Project Lists**

Ying Smith, Transportation Planner Manager, provided a staff report.

Members of the Committee expressed concern regarding the following: 1) the recommendation would commit VTA's Board of Directors to a policy regarding the express lanes; 2) noted opposition to implement a plan that will create congestion in an attempt to generate revenue; 3) revenues generated from the express lanes would be used for purposes other than congestion management; and 4) the revenue strategy lists future tolls from the State Route (SR) 152 Corridor.

Upon query from Members of the Committee, Mr. Lawson responded that the recommendation does not assume any policy decisions regarding the Express Lanes Program.

Upon query from Members of the Committee, John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer, responded that the bill allows the use of revenues generated from the express lanes to be used for both highway and transit improvements, with the goal to relieve congestion within the corridors.

Mr. Ristow continued that the forecast of the plan allows VTA to secure funding for the projects and serves as a plan for investing in the transportation system.

Member Wasserman left the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Vice Chairperson Satterlee noted her support of the recommendation if it didn't involve policy decisions regarding the Express Lanes Program.

**M/S/C (Miller/Price)** to recommend that the Board of Directors: 1) Approve a revenue strategy for the Valley Transportation Plan 2040 (VTP 2040).

Upon query from Member Tucker, Mr. Ristow responded that staff will include the future Gilroy High Speed Rail Station project in the final draft before the item is forwarded for consideration to the January 5, 2012 Board of Directors Regular Meeting.

**M/S/C (Miller/Price)** to recommend that the Board of Directors: 2) Approve the Capital Program Funding Program Area Allocation.

Members of the Committee requested a tutorial on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Methodology. Mr. Lawson responded that staff will arrange the tutorial for a future meeting next year.

**M/S/C (Miller/Tucker)** to recommend that the Board of Directors: 3) Approve the financially constrained project lists to be submitted to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the inclusion in the Regional Transportation Plan.

**11. Express Lanes Update**

Murali Ramanujam, Transportation Engineer Manager, reported on the timeline and efforts for the State Route (SR) 237/I-880 Express Connectors and US 101/SR 85 Express Lanes projects. He also provided an update on the revenue generated for the I-680 Express Lanes.

**On order of Chairperson Pirzynski** and there being no objection, the Committee received a report on the status of Express Lanes projects within Santa Clara County and other Express Lanes efforts within the Bay Area and California.

## **OTHER**

### **12. Committee Work Plan**

Committee Members requested that the Committee review the 2012 PAC Schedule at the January 12, 2012 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 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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