



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 10, 2007

Conference Room B-104
Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)
3331 North First Street
San Jose, California 95134

SUMMARY MINUTES

1. **CALLED TO ORDER at 1:38 p.m.**

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Collen, Dey, Likens, Rodriguez, Rowe, Taubeneck (Ex-Officio), Tripousis

Members Absent: Cherbone, Coss-Fitzwater (Ex-Officio), Jenkins, Kass, Louie, Porter, Qualls, Rohani, Siebert, Witthaus, Yoshino

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

2. **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

There were no Orders of the Day.

3. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

There were no Public Presentations.

4. **Committee Staff Report: The Committee of the Whole heard a report** and acknowledged May 2007 Employee of the Month, Tracene Crenshaw, Board Assistant.

• **Quarterly Report from the General Manager**

The Committee of the Whole heard a report regarding the following: 1) May 10, 2007 Route 152/156 Interchange Improvement Project Groundbreaking Ceremony; 2) Santa Clara Station Northbound Light Rail Platforms opened on April 27, 2007 and the Southbound Light Rail Platforms is scheduled to open on May 21, 2007; 3) May 17, 2007 Bike-To-Work-Day; 4) noted the following three major VTA: a) Recommended Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009;

b) Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA); and c) Organizational and Financial Assessment.

5. **Chairperson's Report**

There was no Chairperson's Report.

6. **Reports from TAC Working Groups**

- **Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**

There was no report from the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Working Group.

- **Systems Operations & Management (SOM)**

There was no report from the Systems Operations & Management (SOM) Working Group.

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

CONSENT:

The Committee of the Whole deferred the approval of the Consent Agenda pending the arrival of a quorum.

7. **(Deferred pending the arrival of a quorum.)**

Approve the Minutes of April 12, 2007.

8. **(Deferred pending the arrival of a quorum.)**

Review the Proactive CMP Reviewed and Approved Projects Quarterly Status Report January through March 2007.

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9. **The Committee of the Whole received** a report regarding the project priorities for the FY 2008 Countywide Transportation Development Act Article 3 Program.

10. **The Committee of the Whole received** a report regarding the Recommended Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009.

Staff directed attention to the Recommended Biennial Budget and provided an overview, highlighting: 1) General Manager's Budget Message; 2) Recommended

Budget Summary; 3) Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Adopting a Biennial Budget of VTA for the Period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009 (FY 2008 and FY 2009); 4) Overview of current services and programs; and 5) Appendices. **Staff summarized** the appropriations for the following funds: 1) VTA Transit-Operating; 2) VTA Transit-Capital; 3) CMP Operating; 4) CMP-Capital; 5) 2000 Measure A - Operating; and 6) 2000 Measure A - Capital.

Staff noted that comments regarding the budget can be sent to the following VTA e-mail address: www.budgetcomments@vta.org.

11. **The Committee of the Whole received** a report regarding the fare changes proposed for implementation in July 2007 and September 2007, **highlighting**: 1) Proposed day pass price reductions for Adult, Express, Youth, Senior/Disabled; 2) Proposed monthly pass price reductions for Youth and Senior/Disabled; 3) Staff recommendation to add both the Youth Summer Blast Pass and 8-Hour Light Rail Excursion Pass to the VTA tariff as a regular part of the fare structure; 5) Proposed new cash fare structure for Community Bus Service; 6) Effective dates for changes; and 7) Fiscal impact.

The Committee of the Whole commented that the City of Gilroy will institute Community Bus service in July 2007, with the premise of providing people the option to transfer from the train station. **The Committee of the Whole expressed concern** that with the current Community Bus route and proposed fare, the riders will essentially have to pay four times the fare to get from one side of Gilroy to the other. **The Committee of the Whole requested** that VTA staff further investigate the issue.

12. **The Committee of the Whole received** a report regarding the Draft 2006 Monitoring and Conformance Report and Conformance Findings **highlighting** that VTA is the designated Congestion Management Agency (CMA) for Santa Clara County and monitors the level of service (LOS) on the roads that make-up the Congestion Management Programs (CMP) Roadway Network. **Staff directed attention** to the 2006 Monitoring and Conformance Report and provided a report on the results of the monitoring program, **highlighting**: 1) Land Use; 2) CMP Intersections; 3) Freeways; 4) Expressways; 5) Rural Highways; 6) Origin Destination Survey; 7) Bicycles and Pedestrians; and 8) Conformance Findings.

The Committee of the Whole requested copies of the aerial photos. **Staff noted** that TAC will receive a disk containing the aerial photographs following the VTA Board of Directors' approval of the monitoring program.

13. **The Committee of the Whole received** a report regarding the City of San José North San José Deficiency Plan **highlighting** that: 1) Over the past two years, the City of San José has worked closely with VTA to develop an update to its North San José Deficiency Plan (NSJDP) in accordance with VTA's Requirements for Deficiency Plans; 2) The NSJDP calls for the development of about 27 million square feet of Industrial space, about 2 million square feet of Commercial space, and 32,000 residential units; 3) Deficiency Plan Funding Sources; 4) According to VTA's Requirements for Deficiency Plans, local jurisdictions must report on their local deficiency plans as part of the Annual Monitoring and Conformance Reporting process; 5) The City of San José will monitor the implementation of deficiency plan actions by reviewing and updating the

NSJDP every three years; and 6) According to CMP statutes the VTA Board of Directors either has to accept or reject the Deficiency Plan as presented.

Staff congratulated the City of San José noting that the City has done a great job at considering the multi-modal options to Deficiency Plans.

The Committee of the Whole asked that the City of San José consider including in Phase 1 additional improvements to provide continuity to the pedestrian system along Montague Expressway.

14. **The Committee of the Whole received** a status report on the Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2030 **highlighting**: 1) What is VTP 2030; 2) What VTP 2030 Does; 3) Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); 4) VTA Cores, Corridors & Station Areas; 5) Development of the 2009 RTP Vision; 6) 2009 RTP Process; and 7) Schedule of VTP 2030 Update.

Staff distributed a letter addressed to the Bay Area Partnership from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) regarding the 2009 RTP Vision and provided an overview.

Alternate Member Colleen left the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

15. **The Committee of the Whole received** a brief report on the El Camino/Grand Boulevard Project **highlighting**: 1) Project is a collaboration of 19 cities, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, and local and regional agencies to improve the performance, safety and aesthetics of El Camino Real; 2) report on Grand Boulevard Task Force consisting of elected officials; 3) Grand Boulevard Task Force's two major accomplishments: a. Existing Conditions Report and b. Adoption of the Grand Blvd. Guiding Principles.

Staff noted that the Existing Conditions Report is available online at www.elcaminoreborn.com.

The Committee of the Whole requested that the adopted Grand Blvd. Guiding Principles be sent to TAC via e-mail.

16. **The Committee of the Whole discussed** the Comprehensive Operations Analysis: Draft Proposed Service Operating Plan.

Staff distributed a brochure entitled, "Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA) Public Meetings," and **noted** that the information is also listed on VTA's Website at www.coa@vta.org. **Staff noted** that VTA is providing presentations on the COA to various City Councils.

OTHER

17. **Update from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Subcommittee**

There was no update from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Subcommittee.

The Agenda was taken out of order.

19. Announcements

Ex-Officio Member Taubeneck left the meeting at 3:29 p.m.

Staff distributed a chart entitled, “Table 1: Local Program Reserve – 2000 Measure A Exchange,” and provided a brief overview, highlighting the proposed funding of the projects contained in Table 1.

18. The Committee of the Whole received the Committee Work Plan.

The Committee of the Whole noted that the TAC Regular meeting scheduled for June 14, 2007, will be cancelled and a TAC Workshop meeting will be held instead.

The Committee of the Whole referred to the idea of either the TAC Chairperson or Vice Chairperson hosting a TAC meeting once a year and **suggested** that the meeting take place in the City of Gilroy in November 2007 instead of August 2007.

The Committee of the Whole expressed concern about the lack of membership at today’s TAC meeting and **recommended** that staff send a note to TAC Members stressing the importance of attendance at meetings.

CONSENT (continued)

7. The Committee of the Whole deferred the Minutes of April 12, 2007.

8. The Committee of the Whole deferred the Proactive CMP Reviewed and Approved Projects Quarterly Status Report January through March 2007.

20. Adjourned at 3:32 p.m.