

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 8, 2007

City of Gilroy
Police Department Community Room
7301 Hanna Street
Gilroy, California

SUMMARY MINUTES

1. CALLED TO ORDER at 1:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: **Members Present:** Armendariz, Batra, Collen, Dey, Helms, Rowe, Taubeneck (Ex-Officio), Tripousis, Witthaus

Members Absent: Cherbone, Coss-Fitzwater (Ex-Officio), Jenkins, Likens, Chen, Gustafson, Qualls, Rohani, Siebert

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

2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no Public Presentations.

3. ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Committee of the Whole deferred Agenda Item #7., Approve the Minutes of October 11, 2007.

4. Committee Staff Report: **The Committee of the Whole heard a report highlighting:**

- The VTA Board of Directors took the following actions at their November 1, 2007 Meeting: approved \$3.34 million additional expenditure for the Mary Avenue Bicycle Pedestrian Bridge; authorized VTA General Manager to execute a purchase agreement for property in Downtown San Jose (Mitchell Block); and approved agreement with Santa Clara County regarding providing passes for the homeless;
- VTA staff is working diligently to implement on January 14, 2008, the service changes based on the Comprehensive Operations Analysis.
- Caltrain sold \$29 million in Bonds to purchase new rail cars.

5. **Chairperson's Report**

Chairperson Dev welcomed the TAC members and audience to the City of Gilroy. He **noted** the differences in transit needs within the areas of Santa Clara County and **stated** the diversity should always be taken into consideration.

6. **Reports from TAC Working Groups**

- **Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**

Staff provided a report on the October 23, 2007 CIP Working Group meeting, noting that the CIP discussed the 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program estimates, which is a part of today's agenda. **Staff added** that the CIP also discussed the Local Streets and County Roads (LSCR) Program scoring criteria, which will be forwarded to TAC at a future meeting.

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

Staff reported that the SOM met in October 2007 and VTA met with Caltrans on October 24, 2007. **Staff noted** that Caltrans is inquiring how VTA will address the implementation of a regional impact fee program in Santa Clara County. **Staff stated** that the next meeting with Caltrans is scheduled for December 7, 2007.

The Committee of the Whole commented that the regional fee is counterproductive to local jurisdictions.

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

CONSENT

7. **(Deferred)**

Approve the Minutes of October 11, 2007.

8. **The Committee of the Whole received** the Programmed Projects Quarterly Monitoring Report for July-September 2007.

9. **The Committee of the Whole received** a report on the Local Transportation Needs and Priorities of the Town of Los Gatos.

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10. **The Committee of the Whole received** a report regarding the updated 2007 Bicycle Technical Guidelines.

Staff provided a presentation and a summary of the updates of the Bicycle Technical Guidelines.

The Committee of the Whole recommended that staff include a complete illustration of the “T” crossroad to clearly identify how bike lanes will be terminated in “T” intersections.

11. **The Committee of the Whole received** a report regarding the 2007 Santa Clara County Congestion Management Program (CMP).

The Committee of the Whole recommended that staff add the historical Level of Service (LOS) of freeways in the final CMP document.

12. **The Committee of the Whole received** a briefing on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) October 26, 2007 General Assembly/Transportation Summit.

13. **The Committee of the Whole received** a report regarding the programming of 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds.

14. **The Committee of the Whole received** a report regarding the project priorities for the FY07/08 Local Streets & County Roads Capital Program.

15. **The Committee of the Whole received** a report regarding the return of \$1,913,357 in unspent funds to the Local Program Reserve; the programming of \$2,815,000 in Local Program Reserve funds to projects; and the appropriate funding agreements, as needed.

16. **The Committee of the Whole deferred** appointing a Nominating Subcommittee to identify Committee members interested in serving as the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson for 2008.

17. **The Committee of the Whole received** a report on the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Strategic Plan.

18. **The Committee of the Whole received** an update on Development and Preliminary Engineering of High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes Project.

Member Armendariz left the meeting at 2:44 p.m.
Alternate Member Collen left the meeting at 2:54 p.m.

The Committee of the Whole suggested examining the HOT Lane access points of Orange County and obtain the Lessons Learned from their HOT Lane Project. **The Committee of the Whole stated** that a portion of HOT Lanes revenues should be used for the HOT Lane operations and maintenance.

19. **The Committee of the Whole deferred** the review and discussion of the September 13, 2007 Joint Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)/Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Workshop Topics and Participant’s Comments, Concerns, and Suggested Potential Recommendations.

20. Update on MTC Activities and Initiatives

There was no update on MTC Activities and Initiatives.

The Committee of the Whole noted that the purpose of putting this recurring item on the agenda is to keep the TAC apprised of the MTC activities.

21. The Committee of the Whole received the MTC Local Streets & Roads Strategic Plan Update.

The Committee of the Whole heard a report reported on about the following: 1) The Local Streets and Roads Working Group and the MTC held its annual users week; 2) The City of Santa Clara was awarded as the Pavement all-star city; 3) The draft strategic plan was finalized and will be made available to TAC members as soon as it is produced; 4) Member Tripousis will testify before to the MTC Legislative Committee to provide support for MTC to impose its authority to initiate a regional gas fee, which could generate additional revenue of approximately \$34 million annually; and 5) Updates on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and how to work collaboratively with transit to address maintenance needs.

Staff noted that the MTC Local Streets and Roads Strategic Plan Update will be a recurring item on the TAC agenda for the next six months.

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22. Update from the TAC Subcommittee

There was no update from the TAC Subcommittee.

23. The Committee of the Whole reviewed the Committee Work Plan.

24. Announcements

Chairperson Dey **thanked** the Committee Members and the audience for attending the TAC Meeting in Gilroy.

25. Adjourned at 3:25 p.m.