

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 10, 2008

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Chairperson Dey in Conference Room B-104, Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), 3331 North First Street, San José, California.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Rajeev Batra
Dan Collen, Alternate
Kevin Connolly, Alt. Ex-Officio
Don Dey, Chairperson
Sylvia Fung, Alt. Ex-Officio-Caltrans

Bill Helms, Alternate
Gayle Likens
Jaime Rodriguez Alternate
Jim Rowe, Alternate
Peter Skinner
Ben Tripousis
Jack Witthaus

Members Absent

Richard Chen
John Cherbone
Jim Gustafson
Ralph Qualls Jr.
Kevin Rohani
Ed Slintak

Representing

City of Santa Clara
County of Santa Clara
VTA
City of Gilroy
Dept. of Transportation (Caltrans)
District 4
City of Campbell
City of Palo Alto
City of Milpitas
City of Morgan Hill
City of Mountain View
City of San Jose
City of Sunnyvale

Representing

Town of Los Altos Hills
City of Saratoga
City of Los Altos
City of Cupertino
Town of Los Gatos
City of Monte Sereno

A quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no Public Presentations.

3. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Orders of the Day.

4. Committee Staff Report

There was no Committee Staff Report.

5. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Dey welcomed Peter Skinner, City of Mountain View Regular Member.

6. Reports from TAC Working Groups

- **Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**

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

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

Paul Ma, Transportation System Planning Manager, City of San José, reported on the Coordination meeting with Caltrans regarding the Local Development Review. He noted the following highlights from the meeting: 1) Identified and resolved technical issues; 2) Management of technical analysis; and 3) Regional Impacting Program.

Mr. Ma reported the following highlights from the SOM Working Group: 1) 2007 Condition Monitoring Work Progress; 2) Improve collection of funds from Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC); and 3) Local Street and State Highway Synchronization Project.

Chairperson Dey recommended the following regarding the submission of projects for the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) list: 1) Staff to review the ITS list and coordinate potential projects with local jurisdictions; and 2) Cities to determine potential projects within their jurisdiction and work with staff to move them forward.

On order of Chairperson Dey, there being no objection, the Reports from TAC Working Groups, CIP and SOM, were received.

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CONSENT AGENDA

7. (Removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda)

Approve the Minutes of December 13, 2007.

8. Local Transportation Needs and Priorities of the City of Mountain View

M/S/C (Batra/Tripousis) to receive a report on the Local Transportation Needs and Priorities of the City of Mountain View.

The Agenda was taken out of order.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Minutes of December 13, 2007

Member Witthaus corrected the fourth paragraph under Agenda Item #12, page 6 of 11, to reflect the following: "Member Witthaus expressed concern regarding the Sound Barrier Program. He commented that projects under the program are discretionary and the budgeted \$400,000 could be used for other programs."

M/S/C (Rodriguez/Batra) to approve the Minutes of December 13, 2007, as amended.

9. Election Process for Advisory Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

M/S/C (Rodriguez/Witthaus) to close the nominations and elect Ben Tripousis as Technical Advisory Committee Chairperson for calendar year 2008 to complete the election process.

M/S/C (Rowe/Helms) to close the nominations and elect Jack Witthaus as Technical Advisory Committee Vice Chairperson for calendar year 2008 to complete the election process.

2007 Chairperson Dey relinquished his seat as Chairperson to newly elected Chairperson Tripousis.

10. Valley Transportation Plan 2035 – Draft Project Lists

Chris Augenstein, Deputy Director, Planning, distributed the Draft Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2035 Project List and provided a report that highlighted the following: 1) Status of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) process and its relation to the VTP 2035; and 2) Draft VTP 2035 Project List.

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

Chairperson Tripousis expressed concern regarding the internal conflict between the MTC and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG). He noted that unresolved

issues may affect the Priority Development Area (PDA) and funds for Local Streets and Roads Maintenance.

The Committee agreed to conduct a workshop on the first week of February 2008 to address the RTP and VTP process, and funding issues.

Alternate Member Collen commented that the Committee should establish a position regarding the use of funds on mitigated areas. He queried on the risk involved in implementing Local Street Projects. Mr. Augenstein responded that the inquiry will be referred to Marcela Rensi, Transportation Planning Manager.

On order of Chairperson Tripousis, there being no objection, the Committee received a report on the Valley Transportation Plan 2035 – Draft Projects Lists.

11. VTA Sustainability Program

Christina Jaworski, Environmental Planner, provided a brief background on the green sustainability facility improvements. She noted VTA's goal and strategies to show its commitment in creating a greener Santa Clara Valley.

Member Skinner recommended receiving the TAC Agenda packet electronically to save money on paper and mailing.

On order of Chairperson Tripousis, there being no objection, the Committee received a report on the VTA Sustainability Program.

12. MTC Activities and Initiatives

There was no report on MTC Activities and Initiatives.

OTHER

13. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Subcommittee Report

There was no report from the TAC Subcommittee.

14. Committee Work Plan

Stephen Flynn, Senior Management Analyst, reported that the Update on SVRT Project Overall Funding and Timeframe, was moved from February to March.

Vice Chairperson Witthaus requested that the Bus Rapid Transit Study be agendaized for a future TAC meeting.

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

15. Announcements

Stephen Flynn, Senior Management Analyst, announced the implementation of the New Bus Service on January 14, 2008.

Vice Chairperson Witthaus expressed appreciation to staff on effectively communicating the service changes to the residents of the City of Sunnyvale.

Alternate Member Rodriguez commented that the new bus service signs should be revisited to ensure that they were not damaged by the storm.

Member Batra requested to receive the Committee's updated rosters.

Alternate Member Rodriguez expressed concern regarding the thefts and vandalisms that occurred in the City of Milpitas. He stated that the Mercury News will run a story regarding the incidents for public awareness.

16. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Tripousis, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Diaresco, Board Assistant
VTA Board of Directors