

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 14, 2008

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 1:33 p.m. by Chairperson Tripousis in Conference Room B-104, Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), 3331 North First Street, San José, California.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Rajeev Batra
John Cherbone
Dan Collen, Alternate
Kevin Connolly, Alt. Ex-Officio
Don Dey
Bill Helms, Alternate
Gayle Likens
Dennis Ng, Alternate
Jaime Rodriguez, Alternate
Jim Rowe, Alternate
Peter Skinner
Lee Taubeneck, Ex-Officio, Caltrans
Ben Tripousis, Chairperson

Representing

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

Members Absent

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

Representing

Town of Los Altos Hills
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

Jim Lawson, Senior Policy Advisor, introduced VTA's new Chief Financial Officer, Joe Smith.

Mr. Lawson provided a report highlighting actions taken at the February 7, 2008 Board Meeting which included: 1) The Approval of the Sustainability Guidelines; 2) A report regarding Governance Issues from Member Sellers; 3) Approval of Debt Reduction Fund Policies; and 4) Approval of Proposition 1B Funds for Highway 152 Study.

Mr. Lawson also provided an update on the New Bus Service Plan implementation noting it was successful.

5. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Tripousis noted that there has been discussion regarding the Hay Group recommendation to consolidate the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC).

Jim Lawson, Senior Policy Advisor, recommended the item be put on the Agenda for discussion at the March 13, 2008 meeting.

6. Reports from TAC Working Groups

- **Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**

Celeste Fiore, Transportation Planner II, gave a brief report on the Capital Improvement Program January 22, 2008 Meeting, which highlighted: 1) The election of Macedonio Nunez as Chairperson, and Matthew Jue as Vice Chairperson; and 2) Call for projects for Transportation Fund for Clean Air.

Ms. Fiore announced that the next CIP meeting will be held on February 26, 2008.

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

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

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

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CONSENT AGENDA

7. **Minutes of January 10, 2008**

M/S/C (Rodriguez/Rowe) to approve the Minutes of January 10, 2008.

8. **Programmed Projects Report for October to December 2007**

M/S/C (Rodriguez/Rowe) to review the Programmed Projects Quarterly Monitoring Report for October to December 2007.

9. **Local Transportation Needs for the City of Morgan Hill**

M/S/C (Rodriguez/Rowe) to receive a report on the Local Transportation Needs and Priorities of the City of Morgan Hill.

REGULAR AGENDA

10. **Fund Estimates for Valley Transportation Plan and Regional Transportation Plan**

Chris Augenstein, Deputy Director, Planning, requested that items 10 and 11 be heard concurrently. Mr. Augenstein gave a brief report on the status of Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2035 project list and cost estimates and distributed an updated list of projects and fund sources.

On order of chairperson Tripousis, there being no objection, the Committee received a report on the Fund Estimates for Valley Transportation Plan and Regional Transportation Plan.

11. **VTP 2035 Project List**

Chairperson Tripousis expressed concern with how the projects on the list are categorized. Chairperson Tripousis suggested that projects be combined where they fit most appropriately and are explained more effectively.

Member Batra suggested that the Staff work with the TAC to finalize the project list before submitting it for Board approval.

Margaret Okuzumi, Interested Citizen, expressed concern about shortfalls in the Transit Category.

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

M/S/C (Batra/Rodriguez) to review and recommend that the VTA Board of Directors approve the draft VTP 2035 Project lists for submittal to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and further requested that VTA Staff continue to work with cities to finalize the list prior to submittal to Board in March 2008.

12. El Camino Real/Grand Blvd

Chris Augenstein, Deputy Director, Planning, gave a brief update on the SamTrans and VTA study for ways to make the El Camino Real/Grand Boulevard corridor more bike, pedestrian, and transit friendly. Mr. Augenstein noted that the study should be complete by the end of the year.

On order of Chairperson Tripousis, there being no objection, the Committee received a report on El Camino Real/Grand Blvd study.

13. MTC Activities and Initiatives

Chairperson Tripousis commented on activities going forward related to Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Chairperson Tripousis announced that he will be making a presentation at the February 29, 2008 Bay Area Partnership Meeting, seeking support for a region wide strategic plan for local streets and roads. Chairperson Tripousis encouraged TAC members to participate with other transportation groups to strengthen advocacy for proposed projects.

Jerry Grace, Interested Citizen, provided information about MTC's Bike Rack program in Marin and Richmond.

On order of Chairperson Tripousis, there being no objection, the Committee received a report on MTC Activities and Initiatives.

OTHER

14. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Subcommittee Report

Member Dey provided a TAC Subcommittee report and informed the TAC that the subcommittee is working to develop a monitoring program to determine the countywide transportation needs. Member Dey stated that the subcommittee will submit an outline of the proposal at the March 13, 2008 meeting.

Jerry Grace, Interested Citizen, questioned the role of the TAC Subcommittee.

On order of Chairperson Tripousis, there being no objection, the Committee received the TAC Subcommittee Report.

15. Committee Work Plan

Jim Lawson, Senior Policy Advisor, reported that the Work Plan will be updated to reflect a discussion of the PAC/TAC consolidation and the approval of a draft plan for monitoring the transportation system for the March 13, 2008 meeting.

Member Dey requested that the County ITS Program be added to the March Agenda as an information item.

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

16. Announcements

Alternate Member Rodriguez announced that Michelle DeRobertis, Senior Transportation Planner, will be speaking at the South Bay Transportation Officials (SBTOA) luncheon and providing information about the Bike Plan Update.

Chris Augenstein, Deputy Director, Planning, announced the upcoming workshop for the Bike Plan Update on March 5, 2008, and four open houses and an online survey for the VTP 2035.

17. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Tripousis, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Menominee L. McCarter, Board Assistant
VTA Board of Directors