

## **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Thursday, May 8, 2008

### **SUMMARY MINUTES**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 1:37 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**

Dan Collen, Alternate  
Kevin Connolly, Alt. Ex-Officio  
Don Dey  
Robert Kass, Alternate  
Gayle Likens  
Peter Skinner  
Ben Tripousis, Chairperson  
Lee Taubeneck, Ex-Officio, Caltrans

##### **Representing**

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

##### **Members Absent**

Greg Armendariz  
Rajeev Batra  
Richard Chen, Alternate  
John Cherbone  
Jim Gustafson, Alternate  
Kathleen Molloy Previsich  
Ralph Qualls Jr.  
Kevin Rohani  
Jim Rowe, Alternate  
Kevin Rohani  
Ed Slintak  
Jack Witthaus, Vice Chairperson

##### **Representing**

City of Milpitas  
City of Santa Clara  
Town of Los Altos Hills  
City of Saratoga  
City of Los Altos  
  
City of Cupertino  
  
City of Morgan Hill  
Town of Los Gatos  
City of Monte Sereno  
City of Sunnyvale

**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

There were no Orders of the Day.

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

- The VTA Board of Directors discussed the 2000 Measure A Revenue and Expenditure Plan and its policy guidance at its April 25, 2008 Workshop Meeting;
- The Board of Directors approved the following at its last May 1, 2008 meeting:  
a) sale of the West San Carlos Property; b) establishment of an Audit Committee; c) some elements of the governance structure recommendations.

Members Kass and Likens took their seats at 1:40 p.m.

**On order of Chairperson Tripousis**, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received the Committee Staff Report.

## 5. **Chairperson's Report**

Chairperson Tripousis noted some concerns from member cities, which includes: recommendation of TAC is not reflected in the memoranda that the VTA Board considers; TAC packets are not received in a timely matter. He requested that staff agendize the issue at a future meeting on how to communicate TAC's actions and recommendations more effectively to the Board and to obtain the TAC packets in advance. Chairperson Tripousis noted the importance for TAC Members and Alternate Members to actively and regularly participate in the TAC.

## 6. **Reports from TAC Working Groups**

- **Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**

There is no report from the Capital Improvement Program Working Group.

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

Eugene Maeda, Transportation Planner, reported that the SOM Working Group met on April 24, 2008 and discussed the status of the TIA update, VTA's ITS planning effort, and the CMP quarterly status report. The group's next meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2008.

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

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**On order of Chairperson Tripousis**, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole deferred the Minutes of April 10, 2008.

Ex-Officio Member Taubeneck took his seat at 1:46 p.m.

8. **Programmed Projects Quarterly Monitoring Report for January – March 2008**

**On order of Chairperson Tripousis**, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole deferred the Programmed Projects Quarterly Monitoring Report for January – March 2008.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

9. **(Deferred)**

Receive a report on the Hay Group recommendation to merge TAC and PAC.

10. **The Committee of the Whole received** a report regarding the FY 2008/09 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Project Priorities.

11. **The Committee of the Whole received** a report regarding the professional services contract with Mark Thomas & Company Inc./Kimley Horn Associates team, for the implementation of ramp metering on three corridors in Santa Clara County.

**The Committee of the Whole commented** the following: 1) there should be close coordination with local jurisdictions to address local traffic concerns; 2) appropriate equipment should be used to ensure that the right data is collected; 3) there should be a guarantee that local streets are not adversely impacted by the ramp meters; and 4) there should be flexibility in the program so that VTA can effectively respond to local issues.

**Staff assured** that VTA is committed to working with local jurisdictions to make the program successful. **Staff added** that VTA also collecting data for parallel streets volumes and travel times, which will be used to address the concerns raised today.

12. **The Committee of the Whole received** a report regarding the approval of the work plan and budget for VTA staff to proceed with the development of a Transportation System Monitoring Program (TSMP) for Santa Clara County and approval of the use of existing

funds from the Congestion Management Program (CMP) budget to support the development of the proposed TSMP.

**The Committee of the Whole thanked** staff for taking the project and moving it forward and expressed expectation to obtain good information from the report.

13. **The Committee of the Whole received** a report regarding the approval of the Draft 2007 Monitoring and Conformance Findings.

14. **The Committee of the Whole received** a report regarding the Cross County Bicycle Corridor network revisions.

15. **The Committee of the Whole received** a report regarding the 2008 Countywide Bicycle Plan Status Update.

**Staff noted** that final adoption of the Countywide Bicycle Plan by the VTA Board of Directors is scheduled for August 2008.

16. **The Committee of the Whole received** a report regarding the Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2035 Program Area Review: Highways.

**The Committee of the Whole commented** on the following: a) three freeway interchanges projects: Route 85 and Almaden, I-280 and Lawrence, and Route 17 and San Tomas should be added on the uncommitted list; b) MTC should pursue congestion pricing for all lanes on the freeway; c) update the maps to ensure consistency; d) add a few roadway on South County; and e) communicate the efforts of local jurisdictions in terms of finding resources to fund the projects (i.e. development fees).

17. **The Committee of the Whole received** a report regarding the High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes Project – Preliminary Alternative.

**Staff provided** a brief regional update on congestion pricing. **Staff discussed** the preliminary alternatives on State Route 85, other technical efforts that include coordination with various agencies and development of public outreach plan.

18. **The Committee of the Whole discussed** the 2000 Measure A Revenue & Expenditure plan Policy Guidance.

**Staff reported** on the outcome of the April 25, 2008 Board Workshop where the policy guidance for the 2000 Measure A Revenue and Expenditure Plan was discussed. **Staff discussed** the nine principles.

19. **The Committee of the Whole received** an update on MTC Activities and Initiatives.

Chairperson Tripousis **announced** that MTC will hold its T2035 Workshop for South Bay residents tonight at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library in the City of San Jose. The Local Streets and Roads Working Group is continuing to advocate for investments in maintenance of streets and roads in the regional plan.

## **OTHER**

**20. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Subcommittee Report**

There was no TAC Subcommittee Report.

**21. The Committee of the Whole reviewed the Committee Work Plan.**

**20. Announcements**

There were no Announcements.

**21. Adjourned at 3:05 p.m.**