

Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, July 10, 2008

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

1. ROLL CALL

The Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Chairperson Tripousis in Conference Room B-104, Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), 3331 North First Street, San José, California.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Don Dey	TAC Member	Present	
Ed Slintak	TAC Member	Absent	
Peter Skinner	TAC Member	Present	1:45 PM
Gayle Likens	TAC Member	Present	1:37 PM
Ben Tripousis	TAC Chairperson	Present	
Rajeev Batra	TAC Member	Absent	
Bill Helms	TAC Alternate Member	Present	
Glenn Goepfert	TAC Alternate Member	Present	
Richard Chen	TAC Alternate Member	Absent	
Jim Rowe	TAC Alternate Member	Present	
Dan Collen	TAC Alternate Member	Present	
Sylvia Fung	TAC Ex-Officio Alternate Member	Present	
Jack Witthaus	TAC Vice Chairperson	Present	
Todd Capurso	TAC Member	Present	
John Cherbone	TAC Member	Present	
Kevin Connolly	TAC Ex-Officio Alternate	Present	

Jim Gustafson	TAC Alternate Member	Absent	
Jaime Rodriguez	TAC Alternate Member	Present	

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 and Staff Liaison, provided a report, highlighting: 1) California Bureau of State Audits (BSA) will release its audit report on VTA on July 31, 2008 at 9:00 a.m., and the report will be posted on the BSA website; 2) California High-Speed Rail Authority certified the Final Bay Area to Central Valley Program Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) on July 9, 2008 and selected the Pacheco Pass Alignment; 3) items agendized at the Board of Directors Committee of the Whole meeting to be held on Thursday, July 17, 2008, at 12:00 p.m.; 4) Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is considering a fund swap of the Dumbarton Rail Project to the BART Warm Springs Extension to move the BART Warm Springs Extension Project forward; and 5) Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Corridor and BART Warm Springs Extension Policy Advisory Board held its first meeting on July 2, 2008.

Amin Surani, Principal Transportation Planner, provided a brief report on the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding for the Bicycle Expenditure Program Projects. He noted that the item would be forwarded to the July 17, 2008 Board of Directors Committee of the Whole meeting and to the August 7, 2008 Board of Directors meeting.

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

5. Chairperson's Report

Member Likens took her seat at 1:37 p.m.

Chairperson Tripousis introduced new TAC Member, Todd Capurso, representing the Town of Los Gatos.

Member Capurso noted that he is the Director of Parks and Public Works for the Town of Los Gatos.

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) Working Group**

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

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CONSENT AGENDA

7. Minutes of June 12, 2008

M/S/C (Dey/Rodriguez) to approve the Minutes of June 12, 2008.

8. Local Transportation Needs and Priorities: Milpitas

M/S/C (Dey/Rodriguez) to receive the Local Transportation Needs & Priorities Report: Milpitas.

REGULAR AGENDA

The Agenda was taken out of order.

10. Adopt Countywide Bicycle Plan

Michelle DeRobertis, Senior Transportation Planner, distributed the following documents for the Committee's review: 1) revised "Figure 4-1 Across Barrier Connections - Northeast County, Northwest County, South County, and Southwest County", and 2) "Appendix C2 - Cross County Bicycle Corridors By Route Number." She informed the Committee Members to notify staff of any changes.

Alternate Member Rowe referred to the 2008 Santa Clara Countywide Bicycle Plan, Page 4-14, Table 4-3: Safe Routes to Transit Potential Projects, City of Morgan Hill, and requested that the following be added: "Bike lanes on Llagas Road between Monterey Road and Llagas Court.

Ms. DeRobertis noted the VTA Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's (BPAC's) recommended changes to the 2008 Santa Clara Countywide Bicycle Plan.

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

Alternate Member Rodriguez referred to the revised “Figure 4-1 Across Barrier Connections”, and noted that the City of Milpitas is recommending removal of the Across Barrier Connection project, crossing railroad tracks between Curtis Avenue and Yosemite Drive. He requested that the project be moved southerly to Piper Drive to be consistent with the Milpitas Transit Area Specific Plan. Alternate Member Rodriguez noted that he would provide comments to VTA staff in writing.

Member Skinner took his seat at 1:45 p.m.

Member Witthaus referred to the revised “Figure 4-1 Across Barrier Connections”, and noted that the City of Sunnyvale does not support the following Across Barrier Connections: 1) crossing railroad tracks between Wolfe Road and Lawrence Caltrain station; 2) crossing Central Expressway between Wolfe Road and Lawrence Expressway; and 3) crossing of Lawrence Expressway between Tasman Drive and Elko Drive.

Member Witthaus noted the City of Sunnyvale is recommending the following Across Barrier Connection: “addition of project to bridge Stevens Creek and connect to future Stevens Creek trail at Remington Court.”

Alternate Member Rodriguez requested that the jurisdictions be provided an opportunity to submit final comments on the revised “Figure 4-1 Across Barrier Connections.”

M/S/C (Rodriguez/Witthaus) to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors adopt the 2008 Santa Clara Countywide Bicycle Plan. Further recommended that the jurisdictions be provided an opportunity to submit final comments on the revised “Figure 4-1 Across Barrier Connections.”

Ms. DeRobertis distributed copies of the Bicycle Technical Guidelines to Committee Members.

9. Recommended FY 09 Congestion Management Program Work Program

John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer, reported that at the June 12, 2008 TAC meeting, staff provided an outline of the proposed FY 2009 Congestion Management Program (CMP) Work Program. During the TAC meetings for the months of September - December 2008, all of the elements of the existing Work Program will be reviewed in order to reaffirm the level of effort and to realign the program into the following main areas: 1) Required CMP Activities; 2) Member Agency Support Services; and 3) New/Continued Program Initiatives developed through the Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2035.

Mr. Ristow reported on the proposed minor modifications to the FY 2009 CMP Work Program. He noted the following activities planned for the FY 2009 Work Program: 1) completion of the update to VTP 2035, which is scheduled for adoption by the VTA Board of Directors at their November 2008 meeting; 2) preparation of a report outlining options for Board of Directors consideration of a Countywide or Sub-regional Development Impact Fee Program; and 3) initiation of the new Transportation System Monitoring Program, pending Board of Directors approval.

M/S/C (**Dey/Rodriguez**) to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors approve the Recommended Fiscal Year 2009 Congestion Management Program Work Program.

11. VTP 2035 Program Area Review: Bicycle, TSOM, and Livable Communities and Pedestrian Program

John Sighamony, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a report on the Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2035 Program Area Review: Bicycle, Transportation Systems Operations and Management (TSOM), and Livable Communities and Pedestrian Program, highlighting: 1) Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) issued a call-for-projects for inclusion in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update in January 2008; 2) Livable Communities and Pedestrians, Bicycle and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) were forwarded to MTC as programmatic areas; 3) Bicycle Program; 4) Transportation Systems Operations and Management (TSOM) Program; and 5) Community Design and Transportation (CDT) Program.

On order of Chairperson Tripousis, there being no objection, the Committee received the Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2035 Program Area Review: Bicycle, TSOM, and Livable Communities and Pedestrian Program.

12. MTC Activities and Initiatives

Chairperson Tripousis noted that at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Planning Committee meeting on July 11, 2008, there would be an initial draft staff recommendation of the large funding categories that will become part of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update. He expressed concern regarding the proposed funding allocations allotted to the County of Santa Clara programs. John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer, referred to the report provided at the June 2008 TAC meeting on the three 2009 RTP proposed funding scenarios and MTC's breakdown and allocation of the revenue sources that would go into the ultimate RTP funding scenario and provided an update.

John Sighamony, Senior Transportation Planner, noted that staff would provide an update on the MTC/RTP funding issues at the August 2008 TAC meeting.

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

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13. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Subcommittee Report

There was no report from the TAC Subcommittee.

14. Committee Work Plan

Jim Lawson, Senior Policy Advisor and Staff Liaison, referred to the proposed merger of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) item listed on the Committee Work Plan and noted that Karen Antion, Consultant, would be in attendance at the August 14, 2008 TAC meeting.

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

15. Announcements

Chairperson Tripousis thanked the Members for attending the meeting and encouraged continued regular attendance.

Member Dey announced that the City of Gilroy Garlic Festival will be held at the end of July 2008.

16. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Tripousis, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracene Y. Crenshaw, Board Assistant
VTA Board of Directors