

## Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, December 10, 2009

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 1:37 p.m. by Chairperson Witthaus in Conference Room B-104, Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

#### 1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Representing	Status
Greg Armendariz	City of Milpitas	Absent
Rajeev Batra	City of Santa Clara	Present
Shahla Yazdy, Alternate	City of Palo Alto	Present
Todd Capurso	Town of Los Gatos	Present
John Cherbone	City of Saratoga	Absent
Richard Chiu	Town of Los Altos Hills	Absent
Dan Collen, Alternate	County of Santa Clara	Present
Kevin Connolly, Alt. Ex-Officio	VTA	Present
Don Dey	City of Gilroy	Present
Sylvia Fung, Alt. Ex-Officio	Dept. of Transportation (Caltrans)	Absent
Glenn Goepfert	City of Cupertino	Absent
Joan Jenkins	City of Mountain View	Present
Robert Kass	City of Campbell	Present
Larry Lind	City of Los Altos	Absent
Kathleen Molloy Previsich	City of Morgan Hill	Absent
Mo Sharma	City of Monte Sereno	Absent
Ben Tripousis	City of San Jose	Present
Jack Witthaus, Chairperson	City of Sunnyvale	Present

**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

Chairperson Witthaus noted the addendum to the Agenda, Agenda Item #12.X, Receive information on the Light Rail System Analysis.

**On order of Chairperson Witthaus** and there being no objection, the Orders of the Day were received.

**4. Committee Staff Report**

John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer and Staff Liaison, announced that he has been meeting with different cities to discuss topics of interest.

Jim Unites, Deputy Director for Operations, provided a report about the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Transit Shelter Advertising Program. His report highlighted the following: 1) proposed implementation agreement; 2) scope of the work; 3) transit shelter quality and design; and 4) program timeline.

Vice Chairperson Batra requested to receive information on the revenue share received by each city.

Member Kass suggested that replacement of transit shelters be done on an optional basis so each city could maintain or increase its level of revenue share.

Member Tripousis took his seat at 1:46 p.m.

Alternate Ex-Officio Member Connolly took his seat at 1:49 p.m.

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

**5. Chairperson's Report**

There was no report from the Chairperson.

**6. Reports from TAC Working Groups**

- **Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**

There was no report from the Capital Improvement Program.

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

There was no report from the Systems Operations and Management Working Group.

**7. High Speed Rail/Caltrain Project**

Steven Fisher, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a report highlighting the following: 1) status of the Altamont Corridor Rail Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); 2) status of the decertified EIR on the southern part of the area; and 3) Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) direction on the San Jose to Merced section.

**On order of Chairperson Witthaus** and there being no objection, a verbal report on the High Speed Rail/Caltrain Project was received.

**The Agenda was taken out of order.**

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

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**10. TAC Nomination Committee Report**

Chairperson Witthaus provided the following report from the TAC Nomination Committee:

- 1) Nomination of Vice Chairperson Batra as TAC Chairperson for calendar year 2010; and
- 2) Nomination of Member Capurso as TAC Vice Chairperson for calendar year 2010.

**On order of Chairperson Witthaus** and there being no objection, the TAC Nomination Committee report was received.

**12.X LR System Analysis –Cost Benefit Overview**

Kevin Connolly, Transportation Planning Manager and Alternate Ex-Officio Member, provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the following: 1) Project context; 2) Outreach and involvement; 3) Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) population & jobs growth drives LRT growth; 4) Light Rail 2009 and 2035 ridership; 5) Market analysis - transit competitiveness; 6) How do we improve the LRT system?; 7) Existing LRT network; 8) LRT core – existing; 9) LRT network segments; 10) Downtown rebuild; 11) Southern segment – express service; 12) Vasona line – downtown loop; 13) Vasona line – 4<sup>th</sup> Street; 14) Vasona line – 11<sup>th</sup> Street; 15) North segment – short T; 16) North segment – long T; 17) Light Rail extensions; 18) Capital cost estimates; and 19) Summary and next steps.

Member Capurso took his seat at 2:12 p.m. and a quorum was declared.

Members of the Committee expressed concern regarding parking and suggested including a parking study in the investment plan.

Member Tripousis stated a disbursed model of parking that would encourage the use of transit is being studied.

Mr. Connolly noted access and parking would be included in staff's next steps.

**On order of Chairperson Witthaus** and there being no objection, the Committee received the LR System Analysis – Cost Benefit Overview.

## CONSENT AGENDA

8. **Minutes of November 12, 2009**

M/S/C (Tripousis/Dey) to approve the Minutes of November 12, 2009.

9. **Fiscal Year to Date 2010 First Quarter Transit Operations Performance Report**

M/S/C (Tripousis/Dey) to receive the Fiscal Year to Date 2010 First Quarter Transit Operations Performance Report.

## REGULAR AGENDA

11. **Conduct TAC Elections for 2010**

Chairperson Witthaus confirmed the nominees for TAC's 2010 Chairperson and Vice Chairperson as:

Chairperson - Vice Chairperson Batra

Vice Chairperson - Member Capurso

There were no nominations from the floor.

M/S/C (Tripousis/Dey) to close the nominations and elect Rajeev Batra as Technical Advisory Committee Chairperson, and elect Todd Capurso as Technical Advisory Committee Vice Chairperson for calendar year 2010.

12. **Senate Bill 83 – Implementation Actions**

John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer and Staff Liaison, provided a report highlighting: 1) Subcommittee of the TAC would help develop the investment plan; 2) recommended three-step process to evaluate the new funding opportunity; and 3) identified Bay Area Counties moving toward the same direction.

Members of the Committee suggested the subcommittee of the TAC should be involved in identifying projects and providing input to the polling process.

Alternate Member Collen suggested retaining flexibility on the expenditure plan.

Mr. Ristow noted information regarding the scope of work for SB 83 would be presented to the Committee at a future meeting.

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

**M/S/C (Dey/Tripousis)** to recommend the VTA Board of Directors approve the following tasks relating to SB 83: 1) Authorize up to \$30,000 to contract with a polling firm to determine the feasibility of placing a \$10 vehicle registration fee on the ballot for residents of Santa Clara County; 2) Direct staff to develop an expenditure plan to detail the programs and projects that would be developed through the potential vehicle registration fee; and further, 3) Return to the Board in mid 2010 with the draft expenditure plan and the polling results to determine whether or not to place the vehicle registration fee on the November 2010 ballot.

**14. VTA Highway Program Semi-Annual Report - October 2009**

**On order of Chairperson Witthaus** and there being no objection, the Committee received the VTP Highway Program Semi-Annual Report – October 2009.

**15. Litter Control Program Update**

Tom Fitzwater, Environmental Planning Manager, provided an updated on the litter control program. He noted that a region wide effort to address the litter problem is underway due to the cooperation of the following: 1) Santa Clara Valley Zero Litter Initiative Group; 2) Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program; 3) Caltrans; 4) local cities; and 5) VTA.

Member Kass suggested increasing the requirement for Caltrans to include a regional responsibility for litter when they renew their State permit.

Members of the Committee suggested that a collaborative effort between transportation agencies, local agencies, and litter initiative groups should be established to address the State Board regarding regional litter issues.

**On order of Chairperson Witthaus** and there being no objection, the Committee received the Litter Control Program Update.

**13. Transportation System Monitoring Program Progress Report – December 2009**

Eugene Maeda, Senior Transportation Planner, and Joe Guerre, Cambridge Systematics, Inc., provided an overview of the staff report.

Members of the Committee suggested establishing a range for the program based on the categorized figures from local agencies and the State.

Alternate Member Collen left his seat at 3:25 p.m. and the quorum was lost.

Alternate Member Yazdy left her seat at 3:27 p.m.

**On order of Chairperson Witthaus** and there being no objection, the Committee received the Transportation System Monitoring Program Progress report – December 2009.

**16. Regional Land Use-Related Initiatives**

Ying Smith, Transportation Planning Manager, provided an overview of the staff report.

Chairperson Witthaus suggested staff to inform local agencies that funding for infrastructure programs have a direct relation to the success of the initiatives.

**On order of Chairperson Witthaus** and there being no objection, the Committee received Regional Land Use-Related Initiatives report.

**OTHER**

**17. Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Activities and Initiatives**

John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer and Staff Liaison, reported that Federal program approval has been rescheduled to December by MTC.

Vice Chairperson Batra requested for a report about the application submitted by VTA to receive funding from the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

**On order of Chairperson Witthaus** and there being no objection, the Committee received an update on MTC Activities and Initiatives.

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

There was no report from the TAC Subcommittee.

**19. Committee Work Plan**

Chairperson Witthaus requested to agendaize the Transit Shelter Advertising Program at the January 14, 2010 TAC meeting.

**On order of Chairperson Witthaus** and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Committee Work Plan.

**20. Announcements**

There were no Announcements.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

**On order of Chairperson Witthaus** and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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