

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 14, 2010

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairperson Batra in Conference Room B-104, Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

Chairperson Batra thanked Member Witthaus for serving as the 2009 Chairperson and for a job well done.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Representing	Status
Rajeev Batra, Chairperson	City of Santa Clara	Present
Julie Caporgno	City of Palo Alto	Absent
Todd Capurso, Vice Chairperson	Town of Los Gatos	Present
Steve Chan, Alternate	City of Milpitas	Present
John Cherbone	City of Saratoga	Present
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	Absent
Larry Lind	City of Los Altos	Present
Jim Rowe, Alternate	City of Morgan Hill	Present
Mo Sharma	City of Monte Sereno	Absent
Ben Tripousis	City of San Jose	Present
Jack Witthaus	City of Sunnyvale	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

Vice Chairperson Capurso took his seat at 1:35 p.m.

Jim Unites, Deputy Director of Service Planning, referenced the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Transit Shelter Advertising Program and noted the following: 1) VTA sent letters to the City Managers asking for comments, noting comments were received from approximately 3-4 cities; and 2) City of Los Gatos considered entering into the Program.

Mr. Unites queried if any Members of TAC would be interested in serving on the Review Board. John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer and Staff Liaison, noted Member Kass expressed an interest in serving on the Review Board. He informed Members who are interested in serving on the Review Board to inform Chairperson Batra.

Mr. Ristow reported on Senate Bill (SB) 83 as follows: 1) Board Memorandum regarding SB 83 was presented at the December 10, 2009 TAC meeting and pulled from the January 7, 2010 Board Agenda because the item did not go through the Standing Committee process due to meeting cancellations; 2) Board Memorandum contained a recommendation to direct VTA staff to develop an expenditure plan to detail the programs and projects that would be developed through the potential vehicle registration fee; and 3) TAC Working Group would be established to assist VTA staff on the development of an expenditure plan.

Member Tripousis, representing City of San Jose; Alternate Member Collen, representing County of Santa Clara; Member Dey, representing City of Gilroy; and Vice Chairperson Capurso, representing Town of Los Gatos, volunteered to serve on the TAC Working Group. Chairperson Batra indicated the City of Santa Clara also expressed an interest in serving on the Working Group, noting that Members of TAC could ask someone from their respective staff to serve on the Working Group.

Marcella Rensi, Transportation Planning Manager, reported on the information sent to TAC regarding a potential second round of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding.

Members of the Committee expressed concern about the opportunity for streamlining the process if the jurisdictions are currently going through the Call for Projects. Mr. Ristow noted staff would send TAC information containing streamlining recommendations on the ARRA delivery.

Alternate Ex-Officio Member Connolly took his seat at 1:42 p.m.

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

5. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Batra provided a report, highlighting: 1) Urged Members to attend the TAC meetings and noted would be sending an e-mail and/or letter to all the cities urging attendance at the meetings; and 2) Determine at a future TAC meeting or subcommittee

meeting topics to be discussed at TAC for 2010; and 3) Focus will be on money coming into the County of Santa Clara and developing formulas to keep money within the County.

6. Reports from TAC Working Groups

- **Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**

Marcella Rensi, Transportation Planning Manager, reported the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) held a special meeting to discuss the proposed Local Streets and Roads Rehabilitation Fund Distribution.

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

Eugene Maeda, Senior Transportation Planner, reported the Systems Operations and Management (SOM) Working Group held its Annual Luncheon meeting on December 17, 2009.

On order of Chairperson Batra and there being no objection, the reports from the TAC Working Groups were received.

7. High Speed Rail/Caltrain Project

John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer and Staff Liaison, provided a verbal report on the High Speed Rail/Caltrain Project, highlighting: 1) Progress of the north and south segments; 2) High Speed Rail released a business plan to the State Legislature; 3) ARRA funding decision due this quarter; 4) VTA participating in the South Terminal Working Group coordinating all future users using tracks at Diridon; 5) High Speed Rail team providing a presentation to the VTA Board of Directors on February 4, 2010; 6) VTA has brought on consultant services on an on-call basis for purposes of reacting to High Speed Rail; and 7) Creation of new Policy Advisory Board to oversee the Diridon Station improvements and first meeting will be held on March 19, 2010, at San Jose City Hall.

Members of the Committee noted another community meeting will be held on January 14, 2010, at Bellarmine High School focusing on the Peninsula and San Jose to Merced segments.

Members of the Committee noted in alignment study is being conducted in South County.

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

8. Minutes of December 10, 2009

M/S/C (Tripousis/Capurso) to approve the Minutes of December 10, 2009.

REGULAR AGENDA

9. Short Range Transit Plan 2010

Jason Tyree, Transportation Planner I, provided a presentation on the Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) FY 2010-2019.

Members of the Committee expressed concern about a recent High Speed Rail meeting discussion where it was mentioned that VTA would be looking at Caltrain service to Gilroy and queried about the Tier 1 Electrification Project moving forward in South County. John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer and Staff Liaison, referenced VTP 2035 and noted VTA does not have any plans in place because it has to determine what happens with High Speed Rail. Chris Augenstein, Deputy Director, Planning, noted the High Speed Rail team is preparing an operating plan to determine how Caltrain will fit in with High Speed Rail and the timeline for completion is currently about four to five months. Further adding that High Speed Rail needs to complete this work and determine and set alignment before VTA can begin looking at options for South County.

Members of the Committee requested that VTA staff discussions with High Speed Rail not preclude a discussion of Caltrain service to south county, noting that the Cities of Gilroy and Morgan Hill want to have the stations co-located in order to have good connections.

Jody Sedrick, representing Zenware, queried if VTA had considered engaging in any type of video recording on its bus system. Mr. Ristow noted staff would address Mr. Sedrick's question.

M/S/C (Tripousis/Dey) to adopt the 2010 Short Range Transit Plan.

10. SR 237/I-880 Express Connectors – Operational Policies

Murali Ramanujam, Senior Transportation Engineer, provided a presentation on the State Route (SR) 237/I-880 Express Connectors operational policies.

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

Members of the Committee recommended that performance measures be included in the Joint User Agreement with Caltrans for maintenance to ensure the services are provided in a timely manner.

On order of Chairperson Batra and there being no objection, the Committee received an update on SR 237/I-880 Express Connectors operational policies. This initial update will be followed by subsequent operational policy recommendations over the next few months for VTA Board of Directors approval.

11. **Local Streets & Roads Rehabilitation Fund Distribution Proposal**

Marcella Rensi, Transportation Planning Manager, distributed a memorandum at the meeting regarding New Cycle Surface Transportation Program/Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (STP/CMAQ) Funded “Block Grant” Program and provided an overview of the report.

Alternate Member Collen referenced the distributed document entitled, Options for STP Pavement Rehabilitation Funding for Expressways Prepared by County Roads & Airports Department, and provided an overview. He reported on the three options developed by County of Santa Clara staff for providing STP funding to the expressways.

Members of the Committee provided the following comments:

- City of San Jose could not support the County’s options put forth.
- All Local Agencies need to step up and take responsibility for the expressway system. Commented Option 3 would be the most desirable from City of Gilroy’s perspective.
- There should be some way of compensating the County to maintain the system.
- City of Sunnyvale would probably support Option 3.
- City of Mountain View is sympathetic towards the County and would like to help if possible.

John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer and Staff Liaison, noted the item would be brought back to TAC in February 2010.

On order of Chairperson Batra and there being no objection, the Committee received a presentation for a Local Streets & Roads Rehabilitation Fund Distribution formula.

Member Witthaus left the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

OTHER

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

John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer and Staff Liaison, noted the following activities: 1) Local Streets & Roads Rehabilitation Fund Distribution formula; and 2) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Stimulus Package.

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

13. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Subcommittee Report

Chairperson Batra provided a report on the discussions held at the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Subcommittee meeting, highlighting: 1) Senate Bill 83; and 2) Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment Study.

John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer and Staff Liaison, indicated staff will provide TAC information on the Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment Study and noted staff will bring an item to a future TAC meeting for discussion.

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

14. Committee Work Plan

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

15. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

16. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Batra and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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