

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 13, 2010

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by Chairperson Batra 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	Present
Rajeev Batra, Chairperson	City of Santa Clara	Present
Julie Caporgno	City of Palo Alto	Absent
Todd Capurso, Vice Chairperson	Town of Los Gatos	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	Absent
Don Dey	City of Gilroy	Present
Sylvia Fung, Alt. Ex-Officio	Dept. of Transportation (Caltrans)	Absent
Glenn Goepfert	City of Cupertino	Absent
Bill Helms, Alternate	City of Campbell	Present
Helen Kim	City of Mountain View	Present
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

John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer and Staff Liaison, noted staff recommended that Agenda Item #17. Update of CMP Model – ABAG Projections 2009 Socioeconomic Data, be heard as the first item on the Regular Agenda.

Chairperson Batra noted that Agenda Item #13. Public Meeting – Senate Bill 83–Vehicle Registration Fee, would be heard at 2:00 Time Certain.

On order of Chairperson Batra and there being no objection, the Orders of the Day were accepted.

4. Committee Staff Report

Alternate Member Rowe took his seat at 1:33 p.m.

John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer and Staff Liaison, provided a report, highlighting: 1) Items approved at the May 6, 2010 Board of Directors meeting; and 2) May 19, 2010 California Transportation Foundation (TRANNY) Awards luncheon.

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

5. Chairperson's Report

Member Lind took his seat at 1:35 p.m.

Chairperson Batra reported on the approval of the amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement for the Administration of the Santa Clara County Congestion Management Program. The restructuring of VTA Board of Directors will become effective January 2012, noting creation of new City Grouping consisting of the Cities of Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, and Milpitas.

6. Reports from TAC Working Groups

• **Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**

There was no report on the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Working Group.

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

Eugene Maeda, Senior Transportation Planner, reported on the April 28, 2010, Systems Operations and Management (SOM) Working Group meeting, highlighting: 1) Received presentation from the County of Santa Clara on Pedestrian/Bicycle Signal Timing; 2) Reviewed the Traffic Impact Fees White Paper; and 3) Continued working on Deficiency Plan Guidelines update.

On order of Chairperson Batra and there being no objection, the report from the TAC SOM Working Group was received.

7. High Speed Rail/Caltrain Project

Steven Fisher, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a verbal report on the High Speed Rail/Caltrain Project, highlighting: 1) California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) hired new Chief Executive Officer, Roelof van Ark; 2) Letter addressed to CHSRA containing VTA's comments on the Program Level Environmental Impact Report (EIR); 3) Status of Alternatives Analysis Report for the San Francisco to San Jose segment; 4) May 13, 2010 Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting; 5) Alternatives Analysis

Report anticipated to be available in June 2010 on the southern part of the alignment; 6) High Speed Rail held workshops/open houses in Cities of San Jose and Gilroy; 7) Issues with southern approach to Diridon Station; 8) Issues pertaining to Caltrain, noting its fiscal crisis; and 9) Access policy adopted by Caltrain.

Members of the Committee recommended that VTA staff inform Bob Doty, Director, Peninsula Rail Project, that the City of Gilroy would like to meet with him regarding Caltrain and High Speed Rail.

Members of the Committee requested an item be placed on the June 10, 2010 TAC meeting agenda, so that the Members could share their comments on the southern segment of High Speed Rail.

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

8. Minutes of April 8, 2010

M/S/C (Dey/Capurso) to approve the Minutes of April 8, 2010.

9. Programmed Project Monitoring – Quarterly Report

M/S/C (Dey/Capurso) to receive Programmed Projects Quarterly Monitoring Report for January 2010 - March 2010.

REGULAR AGENDA

The Agenda was taken out of order.

17. Update of CMP Model – ABAG Projections 2009 Socioeconomic Data

George Naylor, Principal Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the staff report.

Members of the Committee referenced the formal letter that will be sent to each Member Agency's planning department, which details VTA's request to review the land use data, and requested that staff copy the TAC and/or Systems Operations and Management (SOM) Working Group.

On order of Chairperson Batra and there being no objection, the Committee received information on update of CMP Model with ABAG Projections 2009 Data.

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

13. Public Meeting – Senate Bill 83 – Vehicle Registration Fee

Chairperson Batra opened the Public Meeting on Senate Bill 83 – Vehicle Registration Fee at 2:00 p.m. Time Certain.

Scott Haywood, Policy and Community Relations Manager, provided an overview of the staff report, highlighting: 1) Background information on Senate Bill 83; 2) Results of electorate polling; 3) Working draft of the proposed Expenditure Plan; and 4) Proposed SB 83 Expenditure Plan “Return to Source” distribution.

John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer and Staff Liaison, reported SB 83 required that the VTA Board of Directors adopt a finding of fact. To support the finding of fact, VTA is working on a Benefit Analysis that will address the relationship of fees paid to benefits received by the payers through the proposed expenditures.

Public Comment

Lee Taubeneck, Caltrans-District 4, commented on elements of the Expenditure Plan and queried about ADA requirements. Mr. Ristow responded ADA is a requirement of any type of project.

Members of the Committee discussed various components of the proposed Expenditure Plan. Members of the Committee queried how the polling results compared with the components, the draft Benefit Analysis document; how distribution of funding will work, and how other Bay Area County Expenditure Plans compared to VTA’s proposal.

Members of the Committee expressed concern that the City Councils were not asked about their position on the ballot measure. Members of the Committee requested that the vote on the recommended actions be taken as two separate votes.

M/S/C (Tripousis/Collen) on a vote of 11 ayes and 1 abstention to recommend the Board of Directors take the following action: 1) Adopt a resolution to place a ballot measure before the voters of Santa Clara County in November 2010 to authorize a \$10 increase in the fees of motor vehicle registration for transportation-related projects and programs, containing a finding of fact that the projects and programs to be funded by the fee increase have a relationship or benefit to the persons who will be paying the fee and the projects or programs are consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan. Alternate Member Rowe abstained.

Members of the Committee referenced Attachment A to the staff report and noted it reflected “Expenditure Program.” Members of the Committee noted it should reflect “Expenditure Plan.” Mr. Ristow noted that the correction had been made to reflect Expenditure Plan.

Members of the Committee expressed concern regarding some of the proposed components of the Expenditure Plan and recommended that VTA staff consider a more

conservative interpretation of expenditure categories to ensure a stronger benefit nexus test. Mr. Ristow responded that the Expenditure Plan is a working draft and all comments are taken as input to a final plan.

M/S/C (Dey/Tripousis) on a vote of 11 ayes and 1 noe to recommend the Board of Directors take the following action: 2) Adopt an expenditure plan allocating the revenue to transportation-related programs and projects that have a relationship or benefit to the persons who pay the fee. Member Witthaus opposed.

10. Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for January – March 2010

Robert Swierk, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the staff report.

On order of Chairperson Batra and there being no objection, the Committee received a presentation on the Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for January through March 2010.

11. Bike Share Program Study Final Report

Aiko Cuenco, Transportation Planner I, referenced the revised staff report, noting the recommended action was to “accept the Bike Sharing Study Final Report.” She provided a presentation on the Bike Sharing Pilot Project: Feasibility Study.

Members of the Committee complimented VTA staff’s approach to study bike sharing prior to implementation of the program.

M/S/C (Witthaus/Tripousis) to accept the Bike Sharing Study Final Report.

12. FY 2011 CMP Work Program

John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer and Staff Liaison, provided a report, highlighting: 1) Congestion Management Program and Planning (CMPP) Committee direction to staff to assess options for a fee decrease and adequate reductions in scope of services; 2) Historical background of Member Agency Fees; and 3) Presented options outlining Member Agency fee decreases of 3.5 percent and 10 percent and various work scope reductions.

Members of the Committee expressed support for the staff recommendation to maintain both the Member Agency fees and CMP Work Program at the current level.

Members of the Committee recommended a ten percent reduction in Member Agency fees and elimination of the Proactive Development Review Program.

Members of the Committee commented on their respective cities’ budget issues and noted their dependability on VTA staff to assist with funding, project assistance, and coordination with federal, state, regional agencies.

Members of the Committee directed attention to Page 2 of 3 of the staff report and requested staff clarify that the “deferral” of the fee increase actually means to delete the

increase and that the fee decrease will not be made up by doubling the increase in future years.

Members of the Committee expressed opposition to the staff recommendation.

M/S/C (Tripousis/Capurso) on a vote of 11 ayes and 1 noe to recommend the Board of Directors to approve the Fiscal Year 2011 Congestion Management Work Program. Further, TAC requested staff clarify that the “deferral” of the fee increase actually means to delete the increase and that the fee decrease will not be made up by doubling the increase in future years. Member Witthaus opposed.

14. FY 2010/11 TDA 3 Project Priorities

Marcella Rensi, Transportation Planning Manager, provided an overview of the staff report.

M/S/C (Witthaus/Tripousis) to recommend the Board of Directors to adopt a resolution approving the project priorities for the FY2010/11 Countywide Transportation Development Act Article 3 Program.

15. Amendments to the Technical Advisory Committee Bylaws

Stephen Flynn, Senior Management Analyst, provided an overview of the staff report, noting the amendments to Sections 3.1 and 5.5 of the TAC bylaws.

M/S/C (Witthaus/Capurso) to approve amending the Technical Advisory Committee bylaws to: (1) delete VTA’s ex-officio membership position on the TAC; and (2) further clarify the responsibilities of alternate members.

16. Complete Streets System Program

John Ristow, Chief CMA and Staff Liaison, provided an overview of the staff report, noting the item would be brought back to TAC.

On order of Chairperson Batra and there being no objection, the Committee received a presentation on the Complete Streets System Program.

OTHER

18. Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Activities and Initiatives

John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer and Staff Liaison, reported the following: 1) He and VTA Board Chairperson Sam Liccardo attended a meeting at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) on April 9, 2010, which included all of the Congestion Management Agencies’ Board Chairs; and 2) SB 375 activities.

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

19. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Subcommittee Report

Member Armendariz left the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

Chairperson Batra provided a report on the discussions held at the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Subcommittee meeting, highlighting: 1) Assembly Bill 1784; and 2) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding.

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

20. Committee Work Plan

Members of the Committee requested that an item relating to the Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) Guidelines and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) be placed on a future agenda.

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

21. Announcements

Chairperson Batra announced the following: 1) Week of May 10, 2010, was “Bike to Work Week”; and 2) High Speed Rail holding meeting on Alternative Analysis in Santa Clara on May 19, 2010.

John Ristow, Chief CMA and Staff Liaison, announced the launch of VTA’s Facebook page.

22. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Batra and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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