

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 8, 2010

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 1:33 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
John Cherbone	City of Saratoga	Present
Richard Chiu	Town of Los Altos Hills	Absent
Dan Collen, Alternate	County of Santa Clara	Present
Don Dey	City of Gilroy	Present
Sylvia Fung, Alt. Ex-Officio	Dept. of Transportation (Caltrans)	Absent
Glenn Goepfert	City of Cupertino	Absent
Heba El-Guendy, Alternate	City of Sunnyvale	Present
Robert Kass	City of Campbell	Present
Helen Kim	City of Mountain View	Present
Larry Lind	City of Los Altos	Present
Kevin Rohani, Alternate	Town of Los Gatos	Present
Jim Rowe, Alternate	City of Morgan Hill	Present
Mo Sharma	City of Monte Sereno	Absent
Ben Tripousis	City of San Jose	Present
Shahla Yazdy, Alternate	City of Palo Alto	Present

A quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Member Kass took his seat at 1:34 p.m.

There were no Public Presentations.

3. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Orders of the Day.

4. **Committee Staff Report**

Marcella Rensi, Transportation Planning Manager and Acting Staff Liaison, reported that the VTA Board of Directors approved the Senate Bill (SB) 83 Expenditure Plan with minor modifications at the June 3, 2010 meeting. Ms. Rensi distributed a document entitled, "The Local Transportation Investment Fund Senate Bill 83 Expenditure Plan, revised June 3, 2010," and provided a brief overview, highlighting the modifications made under the Local Road Improvement and Repair Program category.

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

5. **Chairperson's Report**

There was no Chairperson's Report.

6. **Reports from TAC Working Groups**

• **Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**

Celeste Fiore, Transportation Planner II, reported on the June 22, 2010, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Working Group meeting, highlighting: 1) Discussed the new Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Safe Routes to School Program – School-Based Vehicle Emissions Reduction Program; and 2) Discussed scoring of project list for the 2010 Congestion Management Agencies (CMA) Block Grant Program.

Members of the Committee requested information on the School-Based Vehicle Emissions Reduction Program, so that TAC could review and provide comment. Ms. Fiore noted the information would be sent to TAC via e-mail.

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

Eugene Maeda, Senior Transportation Planner, reported on the June 23, 2010, Systems Operations and Management (SOM) Working Group meeting, highlighting: 1) Discussions focused on updating and finalizing the Deficiency Plan Guidelines; and 2) Next meeting to be held on July 28, 2010.

Alternate Member Yazdy took her seat at 1:36 p.m.
Alternate Member El-Guendy took her seat at 1:38 p.m.

• **Land Use/Transportation Integration (LUTI)**

Robert Swierk, Senior Transportation Planner, reported on the June 9, 2010, Land Use/Transportation Integration (LUTI) Working Group meeting, highlighting: 1) Discussed Work Plan for coming year; 2) Discussed SB 375 and Sustainable

Community Strategies; 3) Discussed the role of LUTI; 4) Received a presentation on ABAG Projections 2009; and 5) Next meeting to be held on July 14, 2010.

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

Steven Fisher, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a verbal report on the High Speed Rail/Caltrain Project, highlighting 1) Distributed document entitled, "California High-Speed Train, Review of Preliminary Alternatives Analysis Report, San Francisco to San Jose Section, Report dated April 2010." Mr. Fisher noted the document was VTA's official response to the Peninsula Alternatives Analysis and provided an overview of VTA's comments pertaining to the segments in the Cities of Palo Alto, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, and San Jose; 2) Reported that an additional Alternatives Analysis is currently out for a 60-day comment period for the San Jose/Gilroy/Pacheco Pass segment; and 3) Noted would continue report on southern portion in August 2010.

Members of the Committee representing the Cities of Palo Alto, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, and San Jose commented on their cities' perspective pertaining to the Alternatives Analysis Report.

Alternate Member Collen took his seat at 1:59 p.m.

Members of the Committee noted that the comments on the southern portion were due by the end of July 2010, and requested that VTA staff meet jointly with the Cities of Gilroy and Morgan Hill prior to the end of July to disclose what studies have been conducted on the southern portion.

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 May 13, 2010

M/S/C (Tripousis/Rowe) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2010.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

9. **2010 CMA Block Grant Awards**

Celeste Fiore, Transportation Planner II, provided an overview of the staff report.

M/S/C (Dey/Kass) to recommend the 2010 CMA Block Grant program of projects that includes the Local Streets and Roads Program, Community Design and Transportation Program, and Bicycle Expenditure Program and forward to the VTA Board of Directors for approval.

10. **VTP Highway Program Semi-Annual Report – April 2010**

Chairperson Batra deferred the VTP Highway Program Semi-Annual Report – April 2010, to the August 12, 2010 TAC meeting.

On order of Chairperson Batra and there being no objection, the VTP Highway Program Semi-Annual Report – April 2010 was deferred.

11. **Ramp Metering Program “After” Studies Southbound SR 85 & SR 87**

David Kobayashi, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the staff report.

On order of Chairperson Batra and there being no objection, a presentation on the results of implementing ramp metering on northbound and southbound SR 87 and southbound SR 85 was received.

OTHER

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

Marcella Rensi, Transportation Planning Manager and Acting Staff Liaison, referenced the SB 375 implementation and noted John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer, would provide a status report at a subsequent TAC meeting.

Members of the Committee referenced the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Regional Advisory Working Group and noted the Working Group was reviewing the first steps of developing the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Members of the Committee requested that the VTA staff person serving on the Working Group provide a status report on the discussions held at the Working Group meetings.

Members of the Committee reported on the steps taken by the City of San Jose and County of Santa Clara in June 2010, to have MTC look at the possibility of providing additional representation for the South Bay on the Commission. Members of the Committee noted MTC agreed to form an Ad-Hoc Committee to address this issue, noting the first meeting would be held either on July 14, 2010 or July 28, 2010.

Alternate Member Rohani left the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

Members of the Committee commented that similar steps should be taken to address the Caltrans issues, noting the difficulty that Caltrans-District 4 has in trying to serve such a large area. Members of the Committee commented that Caltrans-District 4 should be divided to better serve the County, noting the benefits of having a local district in the County.

Members of the Committee requested the Caltrans issue be placed on the TAC Subcommittee agenda for discussion.

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 reported the TAC Subcommittee discussed items agendized at today's TAC meeting.

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

Member Dey announced the City of Gilroy Garlic Festival to be held in July 2010.

16. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Batra and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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