

## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 13, 2011

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairperson Capurso 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, Vice Chairperson	City of Milpitas	Present
Rajeev Batra	City of Santa Clara	Present
Todd Capurso, Chairperson	Town of Los Gatos	Present
John Cherbone	City of Saratoga	Present
Richard Chiu	Town of Los Altos Hills	Present
Dan Collen, Alternate	County of Santa Clara	Present
Don Dey	City of Gilroy	Present
Robert Kass	City of Campbell	Present
Helen Kim	City of Mountain View	Present
Larry Lind	City of Los Altos	Absent
Jim Rowe, Alternate	City of Morgan Hill	Present
Mo Sharma	City of Monte Sereno	Absent
David Stillman, Alternate	City of Cupertino	Present
Lee Taubeneck, Ex-Officio	Dept. of Transportation (Caltrans)	Present
Ben Tripousis	City of San Jose	Present
Jack Witthaus	City of Sunnyvale	Present
Shahla Yazdy, Alternate	City of Palo Alto	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

John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer and Staff Liaison, provided a report, highlighting: 1) January 25 and 27, 2011 High Speed Rail Community Outreach Meetings in the cities of Gilroy and Morgan Hill; 2) January 21, 2011 Caltrain Summit by invitation only and January 29, 2011 Caltrain Summit for the public; 3) February 4, 2011 U.S. 101 Improvement Project (Tully Exchange) Groundbreaking.

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

**5. Chairperson's Report**

Chairperson Capurso expressed his pleasure to serve as the Committee Chairperson in 2011, and introduced Greg Armendariz as the Vice Chairperson. He thanked former Chairperson Batra for a successful year in 2010.

**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) and**
- **Land Use/Transportation Integration (LUTI)**

Robert Swierk, Senior Transportation Planner, reported on the December 2010, Joint Systems Operations and Management (SOM) and Land Use/Transportation Integration (LUTI) Working Group meeting, highlighting: 1) Received presentation on a study conducted by researchers from San Jose State University on parking utilization at Transit Oriented Development (TOD) sites throughout the County; and 2) Received presentation on the recently mix-used development trip generation model.

Mr. Swierk reported on the November 17, 2010, LUTI Working Group meeting, noting the Group received an introduction to the Congestion Management Program.

Mr. Swierk reported on the January 12, 2011, LUTI Working Group meeting, highlighting: 1) Received introduction to the Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2040 process; 2) Discussed the most recent update to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) projections for 2009.

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

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

Alternate Member Yazdy took her seat at 1:39 p.m.

Steven Fisher, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a verbal report on the High Speed Rail/Caltrain Project, highlighting: 1) Status of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding; 2) Resignation of Bob Doty, Director, Peninsula Rail Project; 3) Status of Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs) for the San Francisco to San Jose and San Jose to Merced segments; and 4) Caltrain financial crisis.

Mr. Fisher suggested that a report on the High Speed Rail/Caltrain Project be provided quarterly.

Members of the Committee noted that there was a schedule in place for the San Jose to Merced segment.

Members of the Committee reported on the following: 1) City of San Jose's process to create visual design guidelines for an aerial project through San Jose; 2) City's anticipated timeframe to have its visual design guidelines for the project as well as a baseline concept for the High Speed Rail through San Jose adopted.

Member Cherbone took his seat at 1:44 p.m.

Members of the Committee noted the following: 1) City of Gilroy's concern regarding High Speed Rail's accelerated schedule to release a draft environmental document for the San Jose to Merced segment; 2) Gilroy's upcoming outreach meetings; 3) City of Santa Clara's concern regarding the status of its High Speed Rail alignment; and 4) Suggestion to receive bi-monthly High Speed Rail/Caltrain Project reports.

**On order of Chairperson Capurso** 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 November 10, 2010**

M/S/C (Batra/Dey) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2010.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **9. SB 375 – Sustainable Communities Strategies Update**

John Sighamony, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a presentation on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) development process to update the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) with the inclusion of a Sustainable Communities Strategies element. The presentation included a report on the challenges for the VTP 2040 Plan and the approach Santa Clara County (County) should take to make sure the needs of the County are reflected in the RTP update.

The Committee requested a copy of the Priority Development Areas (PDAs) map.

Members of the Committee expressed concern about local streets and roads funds being used for purposes other than local streets and roads.

Members of the Committee expressed concern that the needs of the County would not be met if it does not address the Regional Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Members of the Committee expressed the City of Sunnyvale's concerns about the Place Types identified. Members of the Committee also commented that the mapping from ABAG inaccurately reflected how Sunnyvale's General Plan lays out growth.

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

Chairperson Capurso, Members Tripousis and Witthaus volunteered to serve on a working group to address the next RTP update.

**On order of Chairperson Capurso** and there being no objection, the Committee received an update on the Sustainable Communities Strategy activities as part of the implementation of SB 375.

**10. 2010 Measure B (SB-83) Vehicle Registration Fee Update**

Amin Surani, Principal Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the staff report. He reported on the timelines of when the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) would begin to collect the vehicle registration fees, when VTA would receive payments from DMV, and when VTA would conduct its first disbursement to the Cities and County of Santa Clara.

Members of the Committee suggested that as the funds are being programmed to look at whether the Member Agencies would be interested in contributing a portion of their funding to support the anti-litter program.

**On order of Chairperson Capurso** and there being no objection, the Committee received an update on the 2010 Measure B (SB-83) Vehicle Registration Fee.

**OTHER**

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

Kurt Evans, Government Affairs Manager, provided a report at the State level, highlighting: 1) Status of the budget; and 2) Impacts to the transportation funding swap due to the passage of ballot measures Propositions 22 and 26.

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

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

Chairperson Capurso provided a report on the discussions held at the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Subcommittee meeting as follows: 1) Discussed the Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2040 and Sustainable Communities Strategies; 2) Discussed the update on the Caltrans Project Initiation Document Program for 2011/2012; 3) Discussed the recent California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) ruling on the Mary Avenue Bridge and the potential impact to the environmental process on other projects.

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

**13. Committee Work Plan**

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

**14. Announcements**

Member Witthaus announced the April 2011 retirement of City of Sunnyvale Public Works Director and former TAC Member Marvin Rose.

Chairperson Capurso announced the Town of Los Gatos is excited about Caltrans' resurfacing project on Highway 17 between Highways 85 and 9.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**On order of Chairperson Capurso** and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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VTA Office of the Board Secretary