

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 10, 2011

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 1:32 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
Jaime Rodriguez	City of Palo Alto	Present
Jim Rowe, Alternate	City of Morgan Hill	Present
Mo Sharma	City of Monte Sereno	Absent
Glenn Goepfert	City of Cupertino	Absent
Lee Taubeneck, Ex-Officio	Dept. of Transportation (Caltrans)	Present
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

Alternate Member Rowe took his seat at 1:35 p.m.

- **Report from the General Manager**

Michael T. Burns, General Manager, provided a report, highlighting: 1) Status of VTA's Budget; 2) Board of Directors approval of a contract with SunPower Corporation for renewable power purchase and property leasing agreements at VTA's North, Cerone and Chaboya Divisions; 3) February 2011 Launch of the

Clipper Card™ System; 4) Status of BART Silicon Valley Project; 5) Report on VTA's Express Bus Business Plan, which will be forwarded to Board of Directors in March 2011; and 6) Report on the Caltrain funding issue, noting VTA's proposed strategies for the partners/region to consider that could provide financial relief for Caltrain in the near term.

Greta Helm, Chief of External Affairs, reported on VTA's "Drop and Give Me Ten" Campaign, a marketing effort to attract riders. VTA Advisory Committees were asked to help with the recruitment of riders for VTA.

Members of the Committee expressed appreciation for VTA's Outreach service.

On order of Chairperson Capurso 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 January 25, 2011, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Working Group meeting, highlighting: 1) Discussed the Sustainable Communities Strategies; 2) Received final report on the Noise Reduction Screening Study; 3) Received the 2011 Community Design & Transportation Planning Grant Program recommendations; and 4) Next meeting on February 22, 2011.

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

Eugene Maeda, Senior Transportation Planner, reported on the January 26, 2011, Systems Operations and Management (SOM) Working Group meeting, highlighting: 1) Discussed the recent court ruling on the Mary Avenue Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR); 2) Discussed the Traffic Signal Work Coordination; and 3) Elected 2011 SOM Working Group Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

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

Robert Swierk, Senior Transportation Planner, reported on the January 12, 2011, Land Use/Transportation Integration (LUTI) Working Group meeting and noted that VTA was working with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) on a Regional Parking Reform effort. VTA and MTC will be hosting a Parking Fundamentals training session on March 25, 2011, at VTA River Oaks Campus.

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

Steven Fisher, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a verbal report on the High Speed Rail/Caltrain Project, highlighting: 1) President Obama's proposed funding for High Speed Rail; 2) Delay of Peninsula Environmental Impact Report (EIR); and 3) Availability of station funding grants in the amount of \$200,000.

Members of the Committee provided a status report on High Speed Rail activities pertaining to their respective cities of San Jose, Gilroy, and Morgan Hill. Members of the Committee noted Gilroy's concern regarding High Speed Rail's timeframe to release a draft environmental document for the San Jose to Merced segment.

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 January 13, 2011

M/S/C (Dey/Batra) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2011.

9. Programmed Project Monitoring - Quarterly Report

M/S/C (Dey/Batra) to receive the Programmed Projects Quarterly Monitoring Report for October 2010 - December 2010.

REGULAR AGENDA

10. 2011 Community Design & Transportation Planning Grant Awards

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

Members of the Committee referenced Attachment A, Community Design & Transportation (CDT) Planning Grants Program Cycle 3, Recommended Project List, and recommended that the cities' request be listed.

M/S/C (Batra/Tripousis) to recommend the programming of \$612,000 in Community Design & Transportation (CDT) Program Planning Grants.

11. Local Program Reserve: Gilroy High Speed Train Station Visioning

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

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

Staff noted that the Measure A Semi-Annual Reports will be placed on future TAC agendas.

Members of the Committee, representing the City of Mountain View, expressed concern regarding not being informed about the available monies for station planning.

M/S/C (Batra/Collen) to recommend the programming of \$150,000 in Local Program Reserve (LPR) funds for the Gilroy High Speed Train Station Comparative Visioning project.

Member Batra left the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

12. Regional Bike Share Pilot Program – Status Update

Aiko Cuenco, Transportation Planner I, provided an overview of the staff report.

On order of Chairperson Capurso and there being no objection, the Committee received an update on the Regional Bike Share Pilot Program.

13. Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for October – December 2010

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

On order of Chairperson Capurso and there being no objection, the Committee received the Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for October through December 2010.

14. Silicon Valley Express Lanes Program Update

Murali Ramanujam, Senior Transportation Engineer, provided an overview of the staff report.

Members of the Committee expressed concern that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) application to use Assembly Bill 1467 could have a negative impact on the Silicon Valley Express Lanes Program if it was included as part of the MTC legislative authority. Staff responded that a recommendation on the agency position with regards to the MTC application will be presented to TAC at its March meeting.

On order of Chairperson Capurso and there being no objection, the Committee received an update on the most recent activities of the Silicon Valley Express Lanes Program and previewed items that will be brought to the VTA Board of Directors for consideration in the near future.

15. Bicycle Expenditure Plan – Project Status

Michelle DeRobertis, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the staff report.

Members of the Committee expressed concern about the possibility of future BEP funding cycles being over-subscribed. Members of the Committee recommended the

issue be forwarded to the CIP Working Group to look at prioritizing projects for future funding cycles.

On order of Chairperson Capurso and there being no objection, the Committee received a report on the status of VTP 2035 BEP Projects.

Member Kass left the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

Agenda Items #16 and #17 were heard together.

Agenda Items #16 to #17

- 16. **SB 375 – Sustainable Communities Strategies Update**
- 17. **VTP 2040: Schedule and Work Plan**

Chris Augenstein, Deputy Director, Planning, reported that VTA has initiated the update of the Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2035, and the new plan, VTP 2040, will serve as Santa Clara County's guide and input to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC's) Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) planning process. The difference between the current VTP/RTP planning process and the previous VTP/RTP planning process is the new legislation related to SB 375 that requires that a Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) be incorporated into the RTP.

Mr. Augenstein noted that in anticipation of MTC conducting a RTP Call-for-Projects in March, staff has noted the necessity to begin development of transportation projects to be included first in the VTP and then sent to the region to be included in the RTP. He distributed a letter on the VTP 2040 Call-for-Projects and requested that TAC submit their project information to VTA by April 1, 2011, noting the information would also be provided to TAC via e-mail.

Members of the Committee requested the presentation on the Santa Clara County RTP/SCS Process that was presented at the SCS Ad-Hoc Committee.

Members of the Committee reported on the formation of the SCS Ad-Hoc Committee, noting its membership. The first meeting of the SCS Ad-Hoc Committee was held on January 24, 2011, and the next meeting will be held on Monday, February 14, 2011.

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 and an update on the planning activities as part of the development of Valley Transportation Plan 2040 (VTP 2040).

OTHER

- 18. **Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Activities and Initiatives**

The update on MTC Activities and Initiatives was provided during Agenda Items #16 and #17.

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

19. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Subcommittee Report

Chairperson Capurso provided a report on the discussions held at the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Subcommittee meeting regarding: 1) Community Design & Transportation Planning Grant Awards; 2) Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategies; and 3) Caltrans Project Initiation documentation improvement process efforts.

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

20. Committee Work Plan

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

21. Announcements

Alternate Member Collen announced the following: 1) February 11, 2011, deadline for the Expressway Sidewalk Program Call-for-Projects; and 2) March 9, 2011 VTA/County Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Workshop on Popular Bicycle Rides on Country Roads. Staff recommended that the information on the Workshop be provided to staff and staff would forward to the TAC Members.

22. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Capurso and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracene Y. Crenshaw, Board Assistant
VTA Office of the Board Secretary