

## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 12, 2011

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 1:31 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	Absent
Richard Chiu	Town of Los Altos Hills	Present
Dan Collen, Alternate	County of Santa Clara	Present
Don Dey	City of Gilroy	Absent
Michelle Quinney	City of Campbell	Present
Helen Kim	City of Mountain View	Present
Larry Lind	City of Los Altos	Present
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	Absent
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

There was no Committee Staff Report.

5. **Chairperson's Report**

Chairperson Capurso welcomed new Member Quinney, representing the City of Campbell, to the TAC.

6. **Reports from TAC Working Groups**

• **Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**

Celest Fiore, Transportation Planner, reported that the discussion of the April 26, 2011 CIP meeting was focused on the Federal aid delivery process. She added the CIP will schedule workshop meetings in the future. The next CIP meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2011.

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

Eugene Maeda, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that the SOM met on April 27, 2011 and discussed the following: 1) VTA 2010 Model Update; 2) 2010 Monitoring and Conformance report; 3) draft technical memorandum for the Transportation Impact Analysis Guidelines; 4) Transportation Systems Monitoring report for 2011; and, 5) webinars hosted by VTA.

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

Robert Swierk, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that the LUTI met on May 11, 2011 and discussed the following: 1) parking management initiative, focusing on technology and pricing; 2) work plan and logistics of the working group for the year; and, 3) possible Santa Clara County participation on the grand boulevard initiative.

**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 High Speed Rail (HSR). He noted the Central Valley has funding to build the starter piece of the HSR Line. He added that there is an effort to define the initial stage of the HSR versus a full build-out. He stated that there is an active effort from South County to make a decision regarding the location of the HSR station. The City of San Jose is currently working with its Citizens Committee on station design guidelines for HSR.

Mr. Fisher recommended moving the HSR/Caltrain Project report quarterly due to inactivity.

**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 April 14, 2011

M/S/C (Batra/Witthaus) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2011.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 9. SR 237/I-880 Express Connectors Operational Procedures

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

The Committee discussed the express lanes' hours of operation, enforcement, and its ability to generate revenue. They also discussed the inability to have an exit on North First Street.

Ex-Officio Member Taubeneck took his seat at 2:04 p.m.

Majority of the Committee recommended the second option for the express lanes' hours of operation.

*Option 2 – Closely matches existing carpool lane hours of 5am to 9 am and 3 pm to 7 pm during weekdays with the exception for SR 237 westbound direction where the morning peak period hours would be extended from 5 am to 10 am. Extending the hours of operations to 10 am helps to provide travel time reliability where currently there is congestion on both the general purpose lanes and the carpool lane beyond 9 am when the hours of operation for carpool lane ends.*

M/S/C (Armendariz/Collen) to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the operational procedures related to setting of the hours of operations and the protocol for calculating the toll rates for the SR 237/I-880 Express Connectors project.

### 10. 2010 Monitoring and Conformance Report

M/S/C (Batra/Rowe) to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the Draft 2010 Monitoring and Conformance Report.

### 11. FY 2011/12 TDA 3 Project Priorities

M/S/C (Collen/Witthaus) to recommend that the Board of Directors adopt a resolution approving the project priorities for the FY2011/12 Countywide Transportation Development Act Article 3 Program.

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

Member Rodriguez left the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

12. **Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for January – March 2011**

**On order of Chairperson Capurso** and there being no objection, the Committee received the Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for January – March 2011.

13. **Programmed Project Monitoring – Quarterly Report**

**On order of Chairperson Capurso** and there being no objection, the Committee received the Programmed Project Monitoring – Quarterly Report.

14. **Valley Transportation Plan, Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategies Updates**

John Sighamony, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the staff report and distributed a handout titled, “Draft VTA Principles on Sustainable Communities Strategy and Plan Bay Area.”

Members of the Committee expressed support to the principle dedicating transportation funds to transportation projects and programs.

**On order of Chairperson Capurso** and there being no objection, the Committee received an update on Valley Transportation Plan, Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategies.

**OTHER**

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

There was no report on MTC Activities and Initiatives.

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

There was no TAC Subcommittee Report.

17. **Committee Work Plan**

Mr. Ristow noted that staff will add an item on I-680.

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

18. **Announcements**

Member Batra announced that it is a good bidding market. A parking structure project in the City of Santa Clara received six bids which are all below the engineer’s estimate.

19. **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