

## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 14, 2011

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 1:33 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
Michelle Quinney	City of Campbell	Present
Helen Kim	City of Mountain View	Present
Larry Lind	City of Los Altos	Present
Shahla Yazdy , Alternate	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	Absent

**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

Kurt Evans, Government Affairs Manager, provided a legislative update highlighting; 1) State budget, 2) Funds for Proposition 1B transportation programs, 3) State Transit

Assistance Program, 4) Project Initiation Documents (PID) fees, 5) Proposition 1A High Speed Rail Bond, and 6) AB115 Transportation Budget Trailer Bill.

Member Batra requested an update on a bill being introduced which reduces retention of contractors and noted the potential impact to local agencies and construction management.

5. **Chairperson's Report**

There was no Chairperson's Report.

6. **Reports from TAC Working Groups**

- **Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**

There was no Capital Improvement Program Report.

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

Eugene Maeda, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an update highlighting; 1) Regional transportation plan and Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS), 2) Existing Plus Project Conditions Scenario, 3) City of San Jose's draft memorandum and local transportation model performance findings, 3) Highway Capacity Manual 2010 methodology, and 4) Presentation on Caltrans southbound I-680 ramp metering project.

Ex-Officio Member Taubeneck provided additional information and updates on the PID process.

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

Robert Swierk, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an update on LUTI activities highlighting; 1) A web survey taken by members, 2) Workplan for the new year, and 3) The switch to quarterly meetings. He noted the working group suggested interaction with SOM and CIP working groups.

**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 an update highlighting; 1) Efforts to define phased implementation, 2) Capacity study using rail train modeling, 3) Continuing efforts to define the South Santa Clara County line, and 4) The City of San Jose's aerial design guidelines.

Member Tripousis announced the City of San Jose has a fully formatted document for review and is working to finish the guidelines and obtain additional design funding to develop an expanded Diridon Station area plan.

Member Dey indicated the City of Gilroy is conducting its first city council study session to discuss the two station options in Gilroy and present information from community meetings.

**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 May12, 2011**

M/S/C (Tripousis/Batra) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2011.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **9. VTA's Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Principles**

John Sighamony, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the staff report.

Member Batra informed the Committee that Kevin Riley, Chairperson of the Santa Clara County Association of Planning Officials (SCCAPO), indicated they have reviewed and concur with the SCS principles.

Member Tripousis noted action was deferred on AB57 (Beall), a bill seeking to add a seat for the City of Oakland and City of San Jose on Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and commented on the potential impacts. He admonished staff to pay close attention to the specifics of Block Grant programming and the level of regional discretionary funds that remain at MTC.

M/S/C (Tripousis/Armendariz) to recommend that the Board of Directors adopt VTA's Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Principles as Santa Clara County's position to ensure proper development of a viable Regional Transportation Plan.

#### **10. CMP Model Conformity Consistency Findings**

Member Tripousis provided an introduction to City of San Jose's development of local travel demand model in concert with the update of the San Jose 2040 general plan.

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

M/S/C (Batra/Dey) to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors accept the CMP Model Conformity Consistency findings for the City of San Jose Local Transportation Model.

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

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

Chris Augenstein, Deputy Director, Congestion Management, provided an overview of the staff report.

**M/S/C (Batra/Tripousis)** to authorize the Chief CMA Officer to provide up to \$51,000 in cash matching funds for the Grand Boulevard Initiative TIGER II planning grant from the FY2012 CMP Work Program.

**12. Existing Plus Project Conditions Scenario**

Mr. Maeda provided an overview of the staff report.

**On order of Chairperson Capurso** and there being no objection, the Committee received an update on the approach for providing information on the "Existing plus Project Conditions scenario" upheld by the Courts for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents for use by Member Agencies in conjunction with their use of the Transportation Impact Analysis (TIA) Guidelines.

**OTHER**

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

Marcella Rensi, Transportation Planning Manager, distributed the One Bay Area Grant proposal handout and requested feedback from the Committee regarding the policy requirements.

Mr. Augenstein requested more information on the definition of Designated Growth Opportunity areas.

Member Dey requested an effort to get all of Santa Clara County identified on the map.

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

There was no TAC Subcommittee Report.

**15. Committee Work Plan**

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

**16. Announcements**

Mr. Batra provided information on changes that will be taking place with the construction of an 1800 space parking garage for the 49ers stadium in Santa Clara.

Chairperson Capurso indicated he will not be at the August 2011 meeting and Vice Chairperson Armendariz will preside over the meeting.

17. **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