

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 8, 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	Absent
Richard Chiu	Town of Los Altos Hills	Present
Dan Collen, Alternate	County of Santa Clara	Present
Scott Creer, Alternate	City of Morgan Hill	Present
Don Dey	City of Gilroy	Present
Linda Forsberg, Alternate	City of Mountain View	Present
Larry Lind	City of Los Altos	Absent
Michelle Quinney	City of Campbell	Present
Jaime Rodriguez	City of Palo Alto	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	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.

Member Chiu took his seat at 1:31 p.m.

Alternate Member Collen took his seat at 1:32 p.m.

4. Committee Staff Report

- Report from the General Manager

Michael T. Burns, General Manager, provided a report, highlighting: 1) VTA's overall system-wide ridership increased 2.6 percent for July 2011 compared to July 2010; 2) Future conversion of VTA's monthly passes to the Clipper Card™; 3) Board of Directors approved labor agreements with Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 521 and Transportation Authority Engineers and

Architects Association (TAEA), IFPTE, Local 21 at their September 1, 2011 meeting; 4) Caltrain's Operating Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013; 5) Ballot initiatives to address Caltrain issues beyond FY 2013; 6) Senate Bill (SB) 791 (Steinberg); 7) Continued Caltrain ridership increase; 8) Caltrain Board of Directors approved the operating contract with TransitAmerica; 9) Capacity study conducted for a blended Caltrain/High Speed Rail service on the Peninsula; 10) Transportation Bill Authorization; 11) Status of BART Berryessa Extension Project; and 12) VTA financial status.

Ex-Officio Member Taubeneck took his seat at 1:47 p.m.

Members of the Committee referenced the blended Caltrain/High Speed Rail service and expressed the City of Palo Alto's concern regarding a high speed rail service at-grade level.

John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer and Staff Liaison, provided a report highlighting: 1) VTA's Advisory Committee Leadership Follow-Up Meeting scheduled for September 26, 2011, at 5:00 p.m., VTA River Oaks Facility, Conference Room B-104; 2) September 8, 2011, deadline for the Transportation Enhancement Call for Projects; 3) September 9, 2011, El Camino Real Rapid Transit (ECRRT) Policy Advisory Board meeting; 4) September/October 2011 series of public meetings for the ECRRT project; and 5) Status of the following Highway Projects: a) I-880 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane Widening; b) US 101 Auxiliary/HOV Lanes; and c) SR 237/I-880 Express Connectors.

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

5. **Chairperson's Report**

Chairperson Capurso reiterated that VTA's Advisory Committee Leadership Follow-Up Meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. and asked Committee Members to inform him of any items they would like to be discussed at the meeting.

6. **Reports from TAC Working Groups**

- **Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**

There was no report on the CIP Working Group.

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

Eugene Maeda, Senior Transportation Planner, reported on the discussions held at the August 24, 2011, SOM Working Group meeting as follows: 1) Highway Capacity Manual 2010 Multi-Modal Level of Service; 2) Sustainable Communities Strategies/Valley Transportation Plan activities; 3) Complete Streets/Sustainable Streets for Santa Clara County; and 4) 2011 Transportation System Monitoring Program Draft Report Executive Summary.

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

There was no report on the LUTI Working Group.

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

Mr. Ristow noted that VTA staff is working with Caltrain staff to determine Caltrain's availability to provide a presentation on the findings of the blended Caltrain/High Speed Rail service.

Members of the Committee agreed with the concerns of the City of Palo Alto regarding the blended Caltrain/High Speed Rail service not being grade separated.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the blended Caltrain/High Speed Rail service.

Members of the Committee provided a status report on High Speed Rail activities pertaining to their respective city of San Jose.

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 August 11, 2011

M/S/C (Tripousis/Dey) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2011.

REGULAR AGENDA

9. 2011 Transportation System Monitoring Program Report

Eugene Maeda, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a presentation entitled, "2011 Transportation Systems Monitoring Program (TSMP) Draft Report," highlighting: 1) Background and Purposes; 2) Selected Transportation System Measures; 3) Key Findings; 4) Pavement Conditions; 5) Roadside Assets; 6) Roadway Litter, Vegetation Management and Landscaping; 7) Bridge Conditions; 8) Freeway and Intersection Traffic Conditions; 9) Bicycle Mobility; 10) Other Transportation Systems Monitored; and 11) Potential Future Measures.

Members of the Committee encouraged attendance at the California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting in the City of Petaluma the week of September 12, 2011.

M/S/C (Dey/Batra) to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors accept the findings from the 2011 Transportation System Monitoring Program report.

10. 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program

Marcella Rensi, Programming & Grants Manager, provided the staff report, noting that the Planning, Programming and Monitoring (PPM) program amount of \$1.3 million increased to \$1.681 million based upon new information provided by the State.

M/S/C (Tripousis/Dey) to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors approve the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program for Santa Clara County.

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

11. Local Program Reserve for San Tomas Expressway Widening

Ms. Rensi provided the staff report.

Members of the Committee provided the following comments: 1) clarified the City of Santa Clara collected a total of \$2.8 million in development impact fees for the design and construction phases; 2) the San Tomas Expressway Widening project was in the top tier of projects in the 2003 Expressway Planning Study and needs to go forward to address public service issues on the expressway; 3) requested additional information regarding the estimated construction cost of the project; and 4) requested that for future Local Program Reserve (LPR) programming requests information be included in the Staff Report indicating prior programming and LPR accounts balances.

Staff noted the LPR program policy and procedures information presented to TAC at their August 11, 2011 meeting would be forwarded to the Committee via e-mail.

Members of the Committee recommended that projects receiving this type of funding be monitored for completion. Staff noted the information was contained in VTA's Programmed Project Monitoring Quarterly Report and in a LPR Funding Program Status Semi-Annual Report.

Alternate Member Collen stated for the record that in the history of the implementation of the Valley Transportation Plan (VTP), the expressway category has received zero dollars, while all other categories have received some type of funding. This is not an expressway category program, but deserves some consideration that expressways, although an identified category in the VTP, have been waiting awhile.

M/S/C (Tripousis/Collen) to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors approve the programming of \$900,000 in Local Program Reserve (LPR) funds for the County's San Tomas Expressway Widening project.

12. BEP Project Status Semi-Annual Update

Michelle DeRobertis, Senior Transportation Planner, provided the staff report, referencing revised attachment 12.a, Bicycle Expenditure Program (BEP) Project List Funding Status.

On order of Chairperson Capurso and there being no objection, the Committee received a report from VTA staff on the status of the Bicycle Expenditure Program Projects.

13. Valley Transportation Plan, Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy Activities Update

John Sighamony, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) released the following three constrained land use scenarios and two transportation scenarios for the development of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP): 1) Focus Growth Scenario; 2) Core Concentration Growth Scenario; 3) Outer Bay Area Growth Scenario; 4) 2035 Network Transportation Scenario; and 5) Core Concentration Growth Transportation Scenario.

Staff noted VTA is in the process of developing its own detailed model to address concerns/issues.

Members of the Committee referenced the draft letter from the Regional Local Streets and Roads Working Group (LSRWG) to MTC regarding the OneBay Area Grant proposal and provided the following comments: 1) expressed strong opposition to LSRWG's recommendation to revert to the old State Transportation Program (STP) distribution formula, noting the potential loss of millions in rehabilitation funds to the County of Santa Clara; and 2) recommended development of a joint letter from VTA, County of Santa Clara, and City of San Jose to LSRWG and MTC addressing the issues regarding the proposal.

Member Tripousis left the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Ms. Rensi directed attention to the document entitled, "One Bay Area Grant Fact Sheet," and provided an overview, highlighting: 1) What it does is expands "Block Grant" concept used for last round of STP/Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) (T-2035); 2) new formula for fund distribution; 3) new restrictions; 4) policy requirements; and 5) schedule.

Ms. Rensi directed attention to the documents entitled, "MTC One Bay Area Grant Proposal - Summary of Proposal Elements and VTA Staff Recommendations," and "VTP 2040 Unconstrained Project List: Projects or Project Segments Within PDA," and provided an overview, highlighting: MTC's proposed requirements and VTA staff's recommendations listed under the following headings: 1) Policy-Level Issues; and 2) Project Implementation and Program Administration.

Staff noted that VTA would be submitting a letter to MTC based upon comments received from the VTA Working Groups, Committees and Board of Directors regarding MTC's proposed requirements.

Members of the Committee made the following comments: 1) recommended that any proposal being recommended be done in a fair manner and to ensure that every local jurisdiction in the County has the ability to receive funds through this grant; 2) questioned how VTA arrived at the 50 percent breakdown of the OneBay Area Grant Priority Development Area (PDA) distribution requirement and recommended VTA look at the possibility of a 30/70 or 40/60 percentage split; and 3) questioned the timeframe of VTA's response to MTC.

Member Rodriguez left the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Alternate Member Collen left the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

On order of Chairperson Capurso and there being no objection, the Committee received a verbal update on the Valley Transportation Plan, Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy activities.

OTHER

14. Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Activities and Initiatives

Mr. Ristow noted MTC is moving forward with its express lane application to the CTC for areas outside of Santa Clara County.

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

15. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Subcommittee Report

Chairperson Capurso indicated that he and Vice Chairperson Armendariz' topic of discussion will focus on the OneBay Area Grant Proposal at the September 26, 2011, VTA Advisory Committee Leadership Follow-Up meeting. He informed Committee Members to forward any topics of discussion to him via e-mail and/or by telephone.

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

16. Committee Work Plan

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

17. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

18. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Capurso and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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