

MOBILITY PARTNERSHIP
for
SR 152 TRADE CORRIDOR PROJECT

Friday, February 19, 2010

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Mobility Partnership Meeting was called to order at 10:30 in the Gilroy City Hall Council Chambers, 7351 Rosanna Street, Gilroy, CA 95020

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Don Gage	Supervisor, Santa Clara County	Present
Anthony Botelho	SBCOG Board Member	Present
Pat Loe	SBCOG Board Member	Present
Al Pinhiero	Mayor of Gilroy	Present

A quorum was present.

2. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no orders of the day.

3. SR152 TRADE CORRIDOR STATUS UPDATE

The purpose of the meeting was to brief Mobility Partnership members on the status of the project. A low resolution copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached.

Discussion:

1. Panel members were supportive of the shared transportation corridor concept (Alternative 3A) which would rely on a downtown alignment of high speed rail (HSR). The east Gilroy HSR alignment would not support a shared corridor.
2. Director Botelho asked if a decision on the preferred HSR alignment is going to hold up the SR 152 Alignment from going forward? Tim Lee, consultant project manager of WMH Inc., noted that environmental studies for HSR are underway and keeping pace with them for the highway project is important so information can be shared. John Ristow of Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) noted that a decision on shared alignment with HSR would assist with the process to develop highway improvements.
3. Supervisor Gage noted that efforts are already underway to preserve the floodplain by acquiring flood easements. He also noted that transportation improvements could benefit

the flood plain by metering flows into Soap Lake. Supervisor Gage also noted that no connections to the new highway are proposed within the flood plain to control development in the area.

4. VTA staff noted that the Preliminary Traffic & Revenue Study will be presented to the Mobility Partnership at its next meeting.

Agency Staff and Project Consultants in attendance: Lisa Rheinheimer, Executive Director, Council of San Benito County Governments (SBCOG); John Ristow, VTA; Casey Emoto, VTA; Darrell Vice, VTA; Mike Evanhoe, Gray Bowen; Tim Lee, WMH; Shawn Vogtman, HMH

4. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- a) Joe Thompson mentioned his lawsuit against SBCOG regarding alleged Brown Act violations and general opposition to the project (including High Speed Rail). His preference is for private funds to be used for goods movement improvement.
- b) Janet (property owner farming organic produce near Lover's Lane) expressed concern about transportation projects (including highway and HSR) impacting Soap Lake resources – specifically mentioned quality of soil ideally suited for farming. She also noted that the transportation corridor is in the vicinity of the Calaveras fault and asked if this is being taken into consideration.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00