



**SILICON VALLEY RAPID TRANSIT CORRIDOR
BART EXTENSION TO MILPITAS,
SAN JOSE AND SANTA CLARA
POLICY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, November 29, 2006

SUMMARY MINUTES

1. CALLED TO ORDER at 3:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Tom Blalock, Vice Chairperson
Gail Murray
Bob Wasserman

Members Absent

Jim Beall
Dominic Caserta
Cindy Chavez, Chairperson
Scott Haggerty
Bob Livengood
Zoyd Luce
Madison Nguyen

Alternates Present

None

Alternates Absent

James Fang
Armando Gomez
Patricia Mahan
Anu Natarajan

*Alternates do not serve unless participating as a Member.

A quorum was not present and a Committee of the Whole was declared.

2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Ed Connor, Interested Citizen, suggested implementing fuel-efficient technology and alternative materials on the Project and to consider deferring the BART tunnel.

Robert Allen, Interested Citizen, referred to correspondence he has sent to the PAB. Mr. Allen suggested deferring the BART tunnel, construct BART at grade at the Western Pacific (WP) Railroad tracks south of Montague and continue over Highway 101 to the Alum Rock Station utilizing the existing WP alignment from Alum Rock to Tamien.

3. The Committee of the Whole deferred the Minutes of August 23, 2006.

4. **The Committee of the Whole received** the Planning Progress Report.

Vice Chairperson Blalock commented that on October 24, 2006, the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) signed the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Warm Springs Extension Project (WSX). This action denotes that the federal environmental review process for the project has been completed. With receipt of the ROD it qualifies BART to receive state administered federal funding. The ROD enables the project to move forward on project design. Mr. Blalock commented that the Warm Springs Crossing (WSX) ROD is a necessary prerequisite for VTA on the SVRT federal environmental impact statement scheduled for completion by the end of 2008.

5. **The Committee of the Whole received** the Supplemental EIR Update.

6. **The Committee of the Whole received** the Preliminary Engineering Program Report.

7. **The Committee of the Whole received** a VTA Presentation on Continuing Design Development to 65%.

8. **The Committee of the Whole received** a VTA Presentation on BART to Silicon Valley.

9. **The Committee of the Whole received** a VTA Presentation on Mission Warren Truck Rail Update.

10. **The Committee of the Whole deferred** the 2007 Meeting Schedule.

Member Wasserman suggested polling the incoming PAB members regarding proposed meeting dates.

Member Murray commented that the Costa Contra County constituency supports the SVRTC and she stressed the importance of making better use of Committee time by providing recommendations regarding the Project rather than using Committee time to receive reports.

11. **Announcements**

There were no Announcements

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

On order of Vice Chairperson Blalock, there being no objections, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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VTA Board of Directors