



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

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

MINUTES

1. The Regular Meeting of the Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Corridor BART Extension to Milpitas, San Jose, and Santa Clara Policy Advisory Board (PAB) was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Chairperson Ken Yeager at the City of Milpitas, Community Center 457 East Calaveras Boulevard, Milpitas, California.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Tom Blalock, Vice Chairperson
Joe Kornder
Sam Liccardo
Bob Livengood
Gail Murray
Madison Nguyen
Ken Yeager, Chairperson

Members Absent

Bob Franklin
Scott Haggerty
Anu Natarajan

Alternates Present

None

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James Fang
Patricia Mahan
Bob Wasserman

*Alternates do not serve unless participating as a Member.

A quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Robert S. Allen, Interested Citizen, urged the PAB to consider BART to Alum Rock at grade, and construct BART over US 101.

3. Minutes of October 18, 2007

M/S/C (Kornder/Blalock) to approve the Minutes of October 18, 2007.

4. Federal EIS Update

Tom Fitzwater, Environmental Resources Planning Manager, provided a report on the Federal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) highlighting: 1) Circulation of the Notice of Intent to prepare SVRT EIS on September 21, 2007; 2) Comments from the Public Scoping meetings held in Milpitas, San Jose, and Santa Clara; 3) Schedule for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) submission (February 29, 2008), public circulation (August 2008), and FTA Record of Decision (ROD) for 2009.

On order of Chairperson Yeager, there being no objection, the Committee received the Federal EIS Update.

Member Liccardo took his seat at 3:14 p.m.

The Agenda was taken out of order.

6. MTC Transit-Oriented Development Planning for BART to Silicon Valley

James Corless Senior Planner, Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), distributed a document titled: “BART to Silicon Valley: A Corridor Vision for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)” highlighting: 1) Bay Area’s Transit Expansion Plan: Resolution 3434; 2) Regional Interest in TOD; 3) TOD Ridership Benefits; 4) The Climate Challenge-Greenhouse Gas Emissions; 5) Proposed Priority Development Areas (PDA); 5) MTC’s TOD Policy; 6) MTC Station Area Plan Program; 7) Proposed Treasure Island Ferry Terminal; 7) BART to Silicon Valley: Housing Potential; 8) BART to Silicon Valley: Jobs Potential; and 9) Moving Forward.

Will Baumgardner, PE ,Associate Principal ARUP, referenced a brochure titled, “Planning for BART to Silicon Valley.” He commented that the extension of BART from Fremont to the Silicon Valley is a major public investment that can also serve as a catalyst for Smart Growth regionally. The investment will be maximized with the encouragement of transit supportive communities near the station and with housing and employment within walking distance of BART. MTC Bay Area transportation leaders have created objectives for station area planning in the corridor.

On order of Chairperson Yeager, there being no objection, the Committee received the presentation on the MTC Transit-Oriented Development Planning for BART to Silicon Valley.

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

7. Parking Management Policies for SVRT Stations

Carolyn M. Gonot, Chief SVRT Program Officer, reported that Kimley-Horn and Associates Study indicated that there is a concern from several of the cities related to parking supply at BART stations.

Ms. Gonot, introduced James M. Daisa, PE, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. Mr. Dayson presented a report titled, “A Toolkit for Assessing SVRT Station Parking Supply” highlighting: 1) Purpose; 2) BART’s Experience; 3) Range of BART Strategies; 4) Best Practices in Parking Management; 5) Toolkit: A Three Step Process; 6) Pricing and Management Strategies; 7) Alternative Access improvements; 8) Station Area TOD Ridership; 9) Station Profiles; 10) Potential Parking Reductions; and 11) Next Steps.

Member Murray stressed the importance of alternative station access strategies when considering station parking space reduction.

Vice Chairperson Blalock commented that with the determination of station parking pricing the community impact must be considered.

On order of Chairperson Yeager, there being no objection, the Committee received the Parking Management Policies for SVRT Stations.

Chairperson Yeager congratulated Member Murray as the newly appointed BART President.

5. Freight Rail Relocation Activities – December 2007

Mark Robinson, Acting Chief Engineering and Construction Officer, provided a report regarding Freight Rail Relocation (FRR) Activities that include: 1) Purpose of the FRR; 2) FRR Scope; 3) FRR Schedule; and 4) Key Milestone Dates. The FRR is a significant construction project for the SVRT project. The FRR consists of activities required to meet the terms of the purchase agreement between VTA and the Union Pacific Rail Road (UPRR) to maintain freight rail operations along the SVRT Corridor.

On order of Chairperson Yeager, there being no objection, the Committee received the Freight Rail Relocation Activities – December.

8. SVRT Program Progress Report

A. Planning Update

Carolyn M. Gonot, Chief SVRT Program Officer, provided a Planning Progress Report highlighting: 1) Station Area Planning; 2) BART Core Modifications Study; 3) Travel Forecasting; 4) Economic Impact Analysis; and 5) Financial Plan.

Ms. Gonot discussed the Station Area Planning and noted that in the past year VTA and city partners have focused on developing the long-term land use visions for the stations.

Ms. Gonot discussed the update of the SVRT ridership projections using the FTA accepted travel forecast model is pending based on verification of land use input from the Association of Bay Area governments (ABAG) Projections 2007. She commented that VTA is conducting a study of the economic effects of the BART Extension at the local and regional levels. This work will be utilized in the FTA New Starts submittal as part of the economic development discussion.

B. Engineering Progress Report – December 2007

Mark Robinson, Acting Chief Engineering and Construction Officer, provided a report regarding the Engineering Progress Report – December 2007 highlighting: 1) 65 percent Engineering Phase, which begun in January 2007 is now 51 percent complete; 2) Completed purchase of Mitchell Block property; 3) Implementation strategy with City of San Jose to utilize Bank of America building as Downtown San Jose Station entrance; 4) Architectural design themes for all stations have been presented to cities and stakeholders; and 5) Santa Clara and Milpitas station designs were approved by their respective cities.

Mr. Robinson commented that the Budget Summary indicates that of the total approved budget of \$651.4 million, \$363.4 million has been incurred to date (56 percent), leaving a balance of \$288 million.

On order of Chairperson Yeager, there being no objection, the Committee received the SVRT Program Progress Report.

9. PAB Work Plan

Chairperson Yeager inquired about combining the VTA SVRT PAB and the Warm Springs Extension (WSX) Policy Board. Ms. Gonot answered that item would appear on the May 21, 2008 agenda for discussion.

On order of Chairperson Yeager, there being no objections, the Committee reviewed the PAB Work Plan.

10. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

11. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Yeager, there being no objections, the meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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VTA Board of Directors