



**SILICON VALLEY RAPID TRANSIT CORRIDOR
AND
BART WARM SPRINGS EXTENSION
POLICY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, July 2, 2008

MINUTES

1. The Regular Meeting of the Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Corridor and BART Warm Springs Extension Policy Advisory Board (PAB) was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Chairperson Ken Yeager at the City of Milpitas, City Council Chambers 455 East Calaveras Boulevard, Milpitas, California.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Tom Blalock, Vice Chairperson
Scott Haggerty
Bill Harrison
Joe Kornder
Bob Livengood
Gail Murray
Ken Yeager, Chairperson
Bob Wasserman

Members Absent

Bob Franklin
Sam Liccardo
Madison Nguyen
Nancy Pyle

Alternates Present

None

Alternates Absent

James Fang
Patricia Mahan
Anu Natarajan

*Alternates do not serve unless participating as a Member.

A quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no Public Presentations.

3. Minutes of January 16, 2008

M/S/C (Murray/Kornder) to approve the Minutes of January 16, 2008.

4. Conduct Voting to Determine Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for Calendar Year 2008 to Complete the Election Process

Chairperson Yeager opened the nominations from the floor for the position of SVRT/WSX Extension PAB Committee Chairperson for 2008.

Member Livengood nominated Member Yeager for the position of SVRT/WSX Extension PAB Committee Chairperson for 2008.

M/S/C (Haggerty/Livengood) to close the nominations and elect Member Yeager as SVRT/WSX Extension PAB Committee Chairperson for 2008, on a white ballot.

Chairperson Yeager opened the nominations from the floor for the position of SVRT/WSX Extension PAB Committee Vice Chairperson for 2008.

Member Haggerty nominated Member Blalock for the position of SVRT/WSX Extension PAB Committee Vice Chairperson for 2008.

M/S/C (Haggerty/Livengood) to close the nominations and elect Member Blalock as SVRT/WSX Extension PAB Committee Vice Chairperson for 2008, on a white ballot.

4.X. Appointments to Silicon Valley Rapid Transit/Warm Springs Extension Joint Policy Advisory Committee

Carolyn Gonot, Chief SVRT Officer and Staff Liaison, provided a brief overview of the BART/VTA Comprehensive Agreement and commented regarding the administrative procedures in the process to merge the Silicon Valley Rapid Transit/Warm Springs Extension Joint Policy Advisory Committee.

Ms. Gonot stated that with the assistance of General Counsel, staff will return to the PAB with formal administrative rules and procedures. Ms. Gonot stated that discussion will include quorum voting requirements, meeting schedules, and the election of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

On order of Chairperson Yeager, there being no objection, the Committee received the Appointments to Silicon Valley Rapid Transit/Warm Springs Extension Joint Policy Advisory Committee.

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

5. **SVRT Planning 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 commented that the SVRT Station Areas Vision Plan and Parking and Toolkit documents have been completed and the Final Draft Santa Clara Station Area Plan will be presented to the Santa Clara and San Jose City Councils for adoption in the fall. She further noted that the BART Core Modification Study completed a Station Profile Passenger Survey and that 40,000 surveys were completed and returned to VTA.

Ms. Gonot commented that in regards to a new requirement of the New Starts process VTA has met with FTA regarding risk analysis assessment for the travel forecast.

Tom Fitzwater, Environmental Resources Planning Manager, provided a report on the Federal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) highlighting: 1) Notice of Intent; 2) Scoping Period; 3) Final Coordination Plan; 4) Submittal of 1st Admin. Draft of EIS to VTA/BART; 5) Submittal of 2nd Admin. Draft EIS to VTA/BART for review; 5) Revisions, FTA Review and finalization; 6) Circulation of DRAFT EIS; 7) Respond to comments/FTA; 8) Review and Approval; 9) Circulation date for Final EIS; and 10) Proposed date FTA publishes the Record of Decision (ROD).

B. **Engineering Progress Report**

Mark Robinson, Acting Chief Engineering and Construction Officer, provided a report regarding Freight Rail Relocation (FRR) Activities that include: 1) The 65 percent Engineering Phase is 74 percent complete; 2) Northern tunnel realignment has been established at Coyote Creek following community outreach meetings; 3) Community outreach meetings held to select preferred site for east vent shaft near Coyote Creek; 4) The plans for initiating community outreach process for west vent shaft location on Stockton Avenue; 5) 65 percent designs are being issued for review by all designers; 6) The development and review of 65 percent design cost estimates, and 7) The Budget Summary.

Mr. Robinson commented that the Budget Summary indicates that of the total approved budget of \$723.4 million, \$456.6 million has been incurred to date (63 percent), leaving a balance of \$266.8 million.

Mr. Robinson provided a brief overview of the Freight Rail Relocation Project highlighting: 1) Project Location; 2) Project Limits; 3) Combined Project Scope regarding property, utilities, bridges, culverts, roadbeds, and track; 4) Individual Agency Objectives (VTA, Santa Clara Valley Water District, Alameda County Transit Authority/Caltrans, and the City of Fremont); 5) Freight Rail Relocation Budget; and 6) Project Activities.

Mr. Robinson commented that the approved project budget for FY 2009 allows the progression for the following Freight Rail Relocation Project activities that include: 1) Purchase property and sever access to freight services; 2) Initiate utility relocations to clear VTA right – of – Way; 3) Implement improvements at Lower Berryessa Creek; 4) Relocate freight railroad facilities in the Lower Berryessa Creek area; and 5) Begin utility relocations at Mission & Warren.

C. Federal Transportation Administration (FTA)

Ms. Gonot, provided a brief overview regarding the FTA New Starts Submittal Requirements. She commented that VTA is working closely with the FTA on the EIS, the Travel Forecast, Uncertainty Analysis, Project Management Plan, and the Real Estate Acquisition Management Plan.

On order of Chairperson Yeager, there being no objection, the Committee received the SVRT Planning Update

6. Warm Springs Extension Planning Update

Kathy Mayo, Deputy Executive Manager of Transit System Development, provided a Powerpoint presentation regarding the BART Warm Springs Extension (WSX) Progress Report highlighting: 1) Right – of – Way Acquisition that includes the Subway Box Contract, the Line, Track, and System Contract; 2) Permits-U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Water Quality Control Board and the California Department of Fish and Game; 3) Design- Subway Box Contract 85 percent Line, Track Station and Systems in Preliminary Engineering, Preparation of Design-Build Contract Documents and the Irvington Station Study; 4) Work in Advance of Construction that includes utility relocations and site investigations; 5) Construction; and WSX Project Schedule.

Member Haggerty inquired if there are actions that can be taken now to improve the project's cost effectiveness in the future. Ms. Mayo commented that the Irvington Station Study would evaluate those options.

On order of Chairperson Yeager, there being no objection, the Committee received the Warm Springs Extension Planning Update.

7. **MTC Resolution 3434 Regional Transit Expansion Program Strategic Plan Update**

Carolyn Gonot, introduced Kenneth Folan, Senior Transportation Analyst, Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), who provided a PowerPoint presentation entitled, “Resolution 3434 Draft Strategic Plan” highlighting: 1) Resolution 3434 Background; 2) Funding; 3) Strategic Plan; 4) Potential New Sources Available for Strategic Plan; 5) Additional Near-Term Funding Possibilities – November 2008; 6) Project Tiers; 7) Recommended Strategies; 8) Project Delivery Focus-Closing the Funding Gap on Tier 2 Projects; 9) Alameda County (AC) Transit Bus Rapid Transit; 10) BART Extension to Warm Springs; 11) BART Oakland Airport Connector; 12) Caltrain Electrification; 13) Summary of Strategic Plan Recommendations and Conditions; 14) Funding Recommendations; 15) Small Starts Recommendation; and 16) Next Steps.

Mr. Folan commented that MTC staff completed the Strategic Plan Update June 2008. He provided a brief overview and background of Resolution 3434. He noted that the Resolution was adopted in 2001 and establishes vision for regional transit expansion with a list of 20 projects identified that include: 1) Bus; 2) Rail; 3) Ferry; and 4) Terminal Investments. He further noted that the transit oriented development element added to require supportive land use policies and the current program cost is \$17 billion at the year of expenditure.

Mr. Folan further commented that the purpose of the Strategic Plan is to provide a framework for successful program and project delivery by addressing the escalating project costs, near-term funding requests, and the development of the financially constrained element of the Transportation 2035 Plan.

The Draft Strategic Plan recommends the following; 1) Place projects in 4 categories to address specific program and project challenges; 2) Continuation of monitoring of project progress and milestones; 3) Provide advocacy support; 4) Take specific programming actions to deliver otherwise ready-to-go projects; and 5) Endorse one additional regional Small Starts project.

Member Haggerty commented that he supports the Dumbarton Rail Project and he recommends delaying the funding for that project to first complete the BART Extension to Milpitas, San Jose, and Santa Clara. Chairperson Yeager commented that he supports the recommendation of Member Haggerty.

Member Murray recommended that the PAB attend the next MTC meeting. Ms. Gonot commented that staff would prepare a letter to MTC endorsing MTC Resolution 3434 Regional Transit Expansion Program Strategic Plan Update signed by the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the PAB.

M/S/C (Haggerty/Blalock) to adopt support position for MTC Resolution 3434 Regional Transit Expansion Program Strategic Plan Update.

8. Revised SVRT/Warm Springs Extension PAB Meeting Schedule

On order of Chairperson Yeager, there being no objection, the Committee approved the meeting schedule as amended to, cancel the Wednesday, August 20,2008 meeting and schedule the next SVRT/WSX PAB meeting to Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at Milpitas City Hall, City Council Chambers, 455 East Calaveras Boulevard, Milpitas, California.

9 Announcements

There were no Announcements.

10 ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Yeager, there being no objections, the meeting adjourned at 3:53m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline F. Golzio, Board Assistant
VTA Board of Directors