

Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Corridor/Warm Springs Extension PAB

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Corridor and BART Warm Springs Extension Policy Advisory Board (PAB) was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chairperson Ken Yeager at the County Government Center, Board of Supervisor’s Chambers, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose, CA.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Representing	Status
Tom Blalock, Vice Chairperson	Alameda County Congestion Management Agency	Present
Bob Franklin	BART- District 3	Present
Bill Harrison	Board Member	Present
Bob Livengood	City of Milpitas	Present
Sam Liccardo	VTA	Present
John McPartland	BART – District 5	Present
Ken Yeager, Chairperson	Metropolitan Transportation Commission/ Santa Clara County	Present
Scott Haggerty	Metropolitan Transportation Commission/Alameda County/Cities	Absent
Joe Kornder	City of Santa Clara	Absent
Madison Nguyen	City of San Jose	Absent
Nancy Pyle	VTA	Absent
Bob Wasserman	City of Fremont	Absent
Patricia Mahan (Alt)	City of Santa Clara	Absent
Anu Natarajan (Alt)	City of Fremont	Absent

*Alternates do not serve unless participating as a Member.

A quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

There were no Public Presentations.

CONSENT

3. Minutes of October 15, 2008

M/S/C (Blalock/Liccardo) to approve the Minutes of October 15, 2008.

REGULAR

4. Warm Springs Extension (WSX) Project Status Report

Kathy Mayo, Deputy Executive Manager of Transit System Development, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the BART Warm Springs Extension (WSX) Project Status Report highlighting: 1) The Subway Box Contract Update; 2) Line, Track, Station and Systems Contract Timeline; 3) Warm Springs Extension Project Funding Sources; and 4) Proposed funding actions needed to deliver the WSX.

Therese W. McMillan, Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), Deputy Executive Director, Policy, provided a brief update regarding State funding for the project.

On order of Chairperson Yeager and there being no objection, the Committee received the Warm Springs Extension Project Status Report.

5. Summary of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Findings

Tom Fitzwater, Environmental Resources Planning Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Draft EIS Summary findings highlighting: 1) Environmental Process; 2) Project Alternatives; and 3) Schedule.

Mr. Fitzwater provided an overview of the project history and timeline including: 1) Environmental Analysis; 2) Purpose and Need for the project; and 3) Environmental Findings. He stated the purpose and need for the project includes enhancing regional connectivity, increasing transit ridership, bolstering long term economic development, expanding travel options for low income and transit dependent individuals, reducing vehicle miles traveled, air pollutant emissions, and supporting local and regional land use plans.

On order of Chairperson Yeager and there being no objection, the Committee received the Summary of Draft Environmental Impact Statement findings.

6. Summary of Real Estate Acquisition Management Plan

Roberta Notrangelo, Manager, Real Property Acquisitions and Management, provided a presentation and overview of the Real Estate Acquisition Management Plan (RAMP) clarifying the components of the plan.

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

Member Livengood expressed concern about the construction impacts to open businesses during construction phase. He requested staff provide data on vibration impacts to households near the project site.

Vice Chairperson Blalock expressed concern regarding construction impacts to families who live near the project.

Chairperson Yeager requested staff provide information regarding issues of concern to the Committee at the August 26, 2009 meeting.

On order of Chairperson Yeager and there being no objection, the Committee received the Summary of Real Estate Acquisition Management Plan.

7. **Silicon Valley Rapid Transit (SVRT) Program Update**

Carolyn M. Gonot, Chief SVRT Officer, provided an overview regarding the SVRT Program Update highlighting: 1) Federal New Starts Funding Program Activities; 2) Station Area Planning; 3) BART Core System Planning; 4) Near Term Activities on the SVRT BART Extension; and 5) The Freight Rail Relocation Project – Advanced Utility Relocation.

Ms. Gonot reported VTA is actively pursuing Federal funding and is preparing project documentation for re-entry into the New Starts Program on September 2009.

Ms. Gonot commented VTA is a participant in the Diridon Station Area Plan. She stated the planning effort is led by the City of San Jose's Department of Transportation and is expected to begin May 2009.

Ms. Gonot reported VTA's modeling team completed the updated ridership and user benefits for the 2030 No Project, Baseline and Project Alternatives. The Draft results were sent to the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) modeling staff in March 2009, and formally presented to FTA New Starts in April 2009 during a coordination meeting in Washington, D.C. Chairperson Yeager inquired if there is consideration from FTA or the Federal Government to expedite the upcoming processes. Ms. Gonot explained environmental approvals must be obtained to move the project forward.

Michael T. Burns, General Manager, clarified the FTA has indicated there can be no compromise on environmental approvals.

Member Liccardo inquired if construction waivers will be considered for future projects. Ms. Gonot explained waivers are not considered at this stage of the project.

On order of Chairperson Yeager and there being no objection, the Committee received the Silicon Valley Rapid Transit (SVRT) Program Update.

8. Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Project Engineering Progress Report - April 2009

Mark Robinson, Chief Engineering and Construction Officer, provided a report regarding Engineering Progress Report – April 2009 highlighting: 1) Engineering Activities; 2) Northern Area Guideway Design Team; 3) Project Wide Systems; 4) Freight Railroad Relocation; 5) Design Integration; 6) Community Outreach; 7) Fire/Life/Safety 8) Right-of-Way, Railroad and Third Party Coordination; and 9) Budget Status.

On order of Chairperson Yeager and there being no objection, the Committee received the Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Project Engineering Progress Report - April 2009

OTHER

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael T. Burns, General Manager, announced construction will commence at Berryessa Creek with a groundbreaking ceremony on May 8, 2009.

Chairperson Yeager stated the next PAB meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 2009, at a location to be determined.

10. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Yeager and there being no objections, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline F. Golzio, Board Assistant
VTA Board of Directors