

CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 21, 2008

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Congestion Management Program & Planning Committee (CMPP) was called to order at 10:32 a.m. by Chairperson Campos in Room 157, County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose, California.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Nora Campos, Chairperson
Liz Kniss
Yoriko Kishimoto
Sam Liccardo

Members Absent

None

Alternates Present

None

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David Cortese
Pete McHugh
Chris Moylan

* Alternates do not serve unless participating as a Member.

A quorum was present.

2. 2008 CMPP Vice Chairperson Election

M/S/C (Liccardo/Campos) to close nominations and elect Yoriko Kishimoto as CMPP Vice Chairperson for 2008.

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no Public Presentations.

4. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Orders of the Day.

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

6. Minutes of October 18, 2007

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

7. **Minutes of January 17, 2008**

M/S/C (Kishimoto/Liccardo) to approve the Minutes of January 17, 2008.

8. **2008 Congestion Management Program & Planning (CMPP) Committee Meeting Schedule**

M/S/C (Kishimoto/Liccardo) to approve the 2008 Congestion Management Program & Planning (CMPP) Committee Meeting Schedule.

9. **Programmed Projects Quarterly Monitoring Report for October-December 2007**

M/S/C (Kishimoto/Liccardo) to approve submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to receive the Programmed Projects Quarterly Monitoring Report for October-December 2007.

REGULAR AGENDA

10. **Contract Amendment with Nolte Associates to prepare a Project Study Report (PSR) for the State Route 85/State Route 237/El Camino Real and Middlefield Road Interchange Area**

Upon inquiry of Member Liccardo, Mr. Ristow explained that there is significant weaving problem in those areas; therefore the scope of work has to be expanded. An additional detailed study of traffic, costs, and impacts (to properties, local roads, and bicycle and pedestrian bridge) is needed to determine the most suitable solution.

Vice Chairperson Kishimoto suggested that staff include the summary of the rationale for project scope extension and contract amendment. She also suggested including a map in the staff report that will be forwarded to the Board of Directors' March 6, 2007 meeting.

M/S/C (Liccardo/Kishimoto) to approve submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to authorize the General Manager to: 1) amend the contract with Nolte Associates to prepare a Project Study Report (PSR) for the State Route 85/ State Route 237/ El Camino Real and Middlefield Road Interchange Areas; increasing the approved contract value by \$170,064 for a new total contract value of \$645,169; and 2) extend the term of the contract through March 2009.

11. & 12. **VTP 2035 – Project List Submittal to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Fund Estimates for Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)**

Upon request of John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer and Staff Liaison, Chairperson Campos noted that Agenda Items #11 and #12 will be discussed together. Mr. Ristow noted that there are two updated handouts: "Draft VTP 2035 Program Area Allocations" and "VTP 2035 Revenues – 2008."

Chris Augenstein, Deputy Director, discussed the schedule, the process for creating the draft project list, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) process changes related to VTP 2035. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) conducted a special VTP Project list workshop to discuss the funding estimates, review the draft project list, and determine strategy for a constrained project list.

Mr. Augenstein discussed in some detail the program areas of VTP 2035 and the fund estimates for VTP and RTP. Mr. Augenstein stated that the draft project list is a work in progress and added that Member Agencies still have the opportunity to add or modify projects. He noted the importance of putting the projects in the plan to be able to seek federal and state funding. He added that the TAC will meet again in February 26, 2008 to review and update the list. The changes will be forwarded to the Board for approval.

Mr. Augenstein reported that the fund estimates on the handout are in draft form and could change depending on discussions with MTC. The proposed program area allocations can be revised by the VTA Board of Directors.

Mr. Ristow clarified that the funding noted in the handouts are the potential funding sources that MTC is considering and the funding sources that VTA would want MTC to consider. Mr. Ristow stated that VTA's goal is to get as many projects as VTA can in the RTP and be able to get a fair share of the money.

Michael T. Burns, General Manager, referred to MTC discussions on how High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lane revenues will be managed. He noted that MTC's position is to have authority where the HOT Lane revenues will be invested. VTA's position is to keep the HOT Lane revenue within the corridor or within the county and reinvest the money within the county. Mr. Burns noted that VTA will be working with its MTC commissioners to advance this position.

Mr. Ristow reported the dates, times, and venues of the public meetings for VTP 2035. Vice Chairperson Kishimoto suggested that staff forward to the Board of Directors the public comments from the VTP 2035 public meetings.

Member Kniss took her seat at 11:06 a.m.

Mr. Ristow noted the concern of local jurisdictions and public works agencies about the new "backward process" of MTC. MTC wants to get project list first before policy discussion.

Vice Chairperson Kishimoto expressed support for objectives such as meeting higher quality standards. She expressed appreciation to VTA for being aggressive about HOT Lanes. She noted that the VTA criteria for projects need to be updated. Mr. Ristow responded that since the timeframe for VTP 2035 is very tight and the update of criteria will be discussed in the future.

Member Kniss commented that MTC actions on funding policies have great impact to VTA and other jurisdictions. She noted the importance of VTA being very involved and proactive at the MTC level to be able to get its rightful share.

Michael Ludwig, Interested Citizen, commented that bus core network expansion should be included in VTP 2035. He also suggested that VTA send VTP 2035 public meeting notices to interested organizations and stakeholders to ensure that the public have the opportunity to comment on VTA's long-term planning document.

Chairperson Campos suggested inclusion of a feature on the VTA 2035 section of the VTA website that will enable people to subscribe to automatic notification about public meetings for VTP 2035.

M/S/C (Kniss/Liccardo) to approve submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve the VTP 2035 Project lists for submittal to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) with the understanding that the list will be updated to reflect the comments made by the CMPP today and the changes that will come from member agencies planning staff.

On order of Chairperson Campos, there being no objection, the Fund Estimates for Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) was reviewed.

13. Congestion Management Program for Fiscal Year 2007

M/S/C (Kishimoto/Kinss) to accept and enter into record the audited Financial Report for the Congestion Management Program for Fiscal Year 2007.

OTHER

14. MTC Transportation 2035 (T2035) – Proposed Vision Policy Strategies

John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer and Staff Liaison, provided a brief overview of the Proposed Vision Policy Strategies at MTC. He also discussed the MTC schedule and expressed concern about MTC's tight timeframe, which does not give jurisdictions ample time to comment on the proposed strategies.

Member Kniss recommended that this item be forwarded to the Board of Directors' March 6, 2008 Regular Meeting. She noted that Board Members need to be aware of this important issue and how it can impact VTA. She commented that VTA needs to be proactive to ensure that it is able to get its fair share.

Member Liccardo noted that VTA should make sure that it has better alignment between the projects in VTP 2035 and the five vision policy strategies of MTC. He inquired if there is opportunity at the MTC level to craft the policy to benefit VTA's regional vision. He expressed concern that the proposal does not expressly discuss regional connectivity and inquired if there is opportunity for VTA to include this element into MTC's proposal.

Chris Augenstein, Deputy Director, responded that discussions are on-going at the MTC level and there is not much clarity at this time. MTC advised that it will have its detailed discussion about this in the April/May 2008 timeframe and that will be the best time for

VTA to interject its position/comments. Mr. Ristow added that these types of discussion at the VTA Board of Directors level will happen for the next three months.

Vice Chairperson Kishimoto noted support for MTC's direction of attempting behavior changes that include road pricing and better air quality. She noted the importance of discussing MTC's proposal prior to discussion of VTA's Expenditure Plan. She commented that it may helpful to have one or two iterations of modeling.

On order of Chairperson Campos, there being no objection, the MTC Transportation 2035 (T2035) – Proposed Vision Policy Strategies was reviewed and will be forwarded as information to the March 6, 2008 Board of Directors meeting.

15. Items of Concern and Referral to Administration

Member Kniss recommended that the MTC Transportation 2035 (T2035) – Proposed Vision Policy Strategies be forwarded to the Board of Directors at their March 6, 2008 Regular Meeting.

16. Committee Work Plan

The following items were requested to be included in the work plan: 1) Ramp Metering Operation (Member Kniss) and 2) High Speed Rail and its impact to Santa Clara County (Vice Chairperson Kishimoto).

On order of Chairperson Campos, there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Committee Work Plan.

17. Committee Staff Report

John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer and Staff Liaison, noted that a written staff report is at the table. He reported that VTA is hosting the Regional Bay Area CMA Directors on February 22, 2008 and it will be held at the VTA Auditorium.

On order of Chairperson Campos, there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Committee Work Plan.

18. Chairperson's Report

There was no Chairperson's Report.

19. Determine Consent Agenda for March 6, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting

CONSENT: Agenda Item #9., Receive the Programmed Projects Quarterly Monitoring Report for October-December 2007. and **Agenda Item #10.**, Authorize the General Manager to: 1) amend the contract with Nolte Associates to prepare a Project Study Report (PSR) for the State Route 85/ State Route 237/El Camino Real and Middlefield Road Interchange Areas; increasing the approved contract value by \$170,064 for a new total contract value of \$645,169;

REGULAR: Agenda Item #11., Approve the VTP 2035 Project lists for submittal to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC); **Agenda Item #12.,** Review Fund Estimates for Valley Transportation Plan and Regional Transportation Plan; and **Agenda Item #14.,** Review MTC Transportation 2035 (T2035) – Proposed Vision Policy Strategies.

20. Announcements

There were no announcements.

21. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Campos, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine F. Baltao, Board Assistant
VTA Board of Directors