



Congestion Management Program & Planning Committee

Thursday, May 15, 2008

MINUTES

Call to Order

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

1. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
David Cortese	Alternate Board Member	Absent	
Nora Campos	Board Member	Absent	
Liz Kniss	Chairperson VTA Board of Directors,	Absent	
Sam Liccardo	Board Member	Absent	
Yoriko Kishimoto	Board Member	Present	
Chris Moylan	Alternate Board Member	Absent	
Pete McHugh	Alternate Board Member	Absent	

* Alternates do not serve unless participating as a Member.

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

2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

There were no Public Presentations.

3. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Orders of the Day.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. **Minutes of April 17, 2008**

On order of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole deferred the Minutes of April 17, 2008

5. **Programmed Projects Quarterly Monitoring Report for January - March 2008**

On order of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole accepted the Programmed Projects Quarterly Monitoring Report for January - March 2008.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. **Ramp Metering - Professional Services Contract**

On order of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole approved submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Mark Thomas & Company to provide engineering services to implement ramp metering on three freeway corridors in Santa Clara County, for a total contract value not to exceed \$900,000 and an initial contract term through December 31, 2010.

7. **Transportation System Monitoring Program**

Vice Chairperson Kishimoto requested deferral of this item to the next CMPP meeting and suggested that staff bring it back with more background information on deficiency plans. She stated that she wants to ensure that true costs are appropriately passed on.

On order of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole deferred approval of the work plan and budget for VTA staff to proceed with the development of a Transportation System Monitoring Program (TSMP) for Santa Clara County; approve the use of existing funds from the Congestion Management Program (CMP) budget to support the development of the proposed TSMP.

8. **Draft 2007 Monitoring and Conformance Findings**

On order of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole approved submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve the Draft 2007 Monitoring and Conformance Findings.

9. **FY2008/09 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Project Priorities**

Amin Surani, Principal Transportation Planner, noted that subsequent to the packet print, City of Saratoga requested inclusion of a new project (Highway 9 Bicycle Safety Improvements) in the program. The recommended amount for the design phase of this project is \$20,000.

On order of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole approved submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve the project priorities for the FY2008/09 Countywide Transportation Development Act Article 3 Program.

10. Measure A Revenue and Expenditure Plan Policy Guidance

Vice Chairperson Kishimoto suggested the following: 1) include a measure of particulates; 2) evaluate inclusion of a measure for overall cost-effectiveness (i.e. cost per passenger hour); 3) increased transportation share in the future; and 4) increased public outreach where the public can be educated about congestion pricing and climate change. She stressed the significance of congestion pricing and access to public transportation. She commented that there should be integration between the Countywide Plan and the criteria for the Measure A Revenue and Expenditure Plan.

On order of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole recommended that the Board of Directors adopt the Measure A Revenue and Expenditure Plan Policy Guidance.

11. Modified Vision and Mission Statement

Vice Chairperson Kishimoto commented that there should be elements of building partnerships and integration of transit network in the mission and vision statements. She commented that “Transportation Solution” should be changed into simpler terms. She read into the record her suggested Mission Statement, “VTA builds partnerships to integrate a world class multi-modal transportation network to allow Santa Clara County to thrive as a livable and walkable community, provide a healthy environment, and support a vital innovation economy.” Member Kishimoto expressed interest in bringing back this item to CMPP to give other CMPP Members a chance to weigh in on this very important issue.

Mr. Burns suggested deferring the Modified Vision and Mission Statements to the July 17, 2008 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

On order of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole deferred the approval of the Modified Vision and Mission Statements.

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12. Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2035 – Program Area Review: Highways

Chris Augenstein, Congestion Management Agency (CMA) Deputy Director, reviewed VTP 2035’s Freeway and Highway Program including the following: Program Basic; Completed VTP 2030 Freeway and Highway projects; VTP 2030 corridor and gateway studies; Freeway Level of Service for Santa Clara County; Freeway and Highway Needs and Expense Forecasts; and Freeway and Highway Future Funding Sources.

Mr. Augenstein briefly discussed the High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes Initiative in the Region, Santa Clara County's HOT Lane Network Elements, Current Projects and studies in VTP 2035, VTP 2035 Freeway and Highway Project List, and the Next Steps.

Vice Chairperson Kishimoto expressed support for Congestion Pricing and inquired about the status of Santa Clara County's High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) network. Staff responded that although there are significant gaps, the HOV network in Santa Clara County is the most complete in the Bay Area. Vice Chairperson Kishimoto expressed that she is not a supporter of freeway/roadway widening and if it should be widened, there should be congestion pricing for those widening projects.

On order of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received the Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2035 - Program Area Review: Highways.

13. High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes Project - Preliminary Alternative

Murali Ramanujam, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a brief presentation on HOT Lanes highlighting the proposed entries and exits, studies on Highways 101 and 85 as HOT Lane Corridors, studies on additional HOV lanes, implementation plans, and proposed schedule.

On order of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received the High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes Project - Preliminary Alternative.

14. Items of Concern and Referral to Administration

There were no Items of Concern and Referral to Administration.

15. Committee Work Plan

On order of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole reviewed the Committee Work Plan.

16. Committee Staff Report

John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer and Staff Liaison, reported the following:

- California Transportation Commission (CTC) will consider the 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program on May 29, 2008.
- VTA received a \$5 million recommended programming for the State Route 152 corridor.
- The first project for VTA's Local Street and County Road's Program will begin construction in Gilroy next week.

On order of Chairperson Pro Tempore Kniss, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole reviewed the Committee Staff Report.

17. Chairperson's Report

There was no Chairperson's Report.

18. Determine Consent Agenda for June 5, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting

CONSENT: **Agenda Item #5.**, Receive the Programmed Projects Quarterly Monitoring Report for January - March 2008; **Agenda Item #6.**, Authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Mark Thomas & Company to provide engineering services to implement ramp metering on three freeway corridors in Santa Clara County, for a total contract value not to exceed \$900,000 and an initial contract term through December 31, 2010; **Agenda Item #8.**, Approve the Draft 2007 Monitoring and Conformance Findings. The findings are summarized in this memorandum and the draft report is provided in Attachment A; and **Agenda Item #9.**, Approve the project priorities for the FY2008/09 Countywide Transportation Development Act Article 3 Program.

REGULAR: **Agenda Item #10.**, Recommend the Board of Directors adopt the Measure A Revenue and Expenditure Plan Policy Guidance in Attachment A.

19. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

20. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine F. Baltao, Board Assistant
VTA Board of Directors