

Congestion Management Program & Planning Committee

Thursday, September 18, 2008

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Congestion Management Program & Planning Committee (CMPP) was called to order at 10:35 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,	Present	
Sam Liccardo	Board Member	Present	
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 present.

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**

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

5. **Minutes of May 15, 2008**

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

6. **Minutes of August 21, 2008**

M/S/C (Kniss/Liccardo) to approve the Minutes of August 21, 2008.

7. **(Removed from the Consent Agenda and Placed on the Regular Agenda)**

Proactive CMP Reviewed and Approved Project Quarterly Status Report

REGULAR AGENDA

7. **Proactive CMP Reviewed and Approved Project Quarterly Status Report**

Vice Chairperson Kishimoto commented on the staff reports, Page 23 of 24, regarding the DeAnza College campus transit center. John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer and Staff Liaison, explained that VTA had planned a more extensive transit center within the parking lot but the college has gone forward with an alternative master plan for the present time.

M/S/C (Kniss/Liccardo) to review the Proactive CMP Reviewed and Approved Project Quarterly Status Report.

8. **VTA Discretionary Funding Programs – Composition of Project Scoring Committee**

Vice Chairperson Kishimoto recommended that the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) members be extended an open invitation to observe and attend the Scoring Committee meeting.

M/S/C (Kniss/Liccardo) to approve the process for selecting project review and scoring committees for VTA Congestion Management Agency – Discretionary Grant Funding Programs that specifies a minimum committee size of 3, a maximum size of 10, member agency participation and self-nomination of committee members.

9. **HCP Cost Allocation and Budget Approval**

Tom Fitzwater, Environmental Resources Planning Manager, provided a brief overview regarding the cost allocation and budget for the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Conservation Plan Natural Community Conservation Plan highlighting: 1) In 2001 VTA received a letter of Formal Endangered Species Consultation issued by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) requiring VTA to commit to two major actions before

proceeding with the construction of the U.S. 101 widening, the State Route 85/U.S. 101 South Interchange, and Consolidated Biological Mitigation Projects; 2) Requirement that the City of San Jose, the County of Santa Clara, and the Santa Clara Valley Water District and VTA, collectively known as the Local Partners, to provide individual financial commitments to assist with the development of a Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan (HCP/NCCP).

Mr. Fitzwater commented that the Cities of Morgan Hill and Gilroy joined the Local Partners in 2005. The HCP/NCCP will support the USFWS and the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) to conserve federally and state listed species in the Cities of San Jose, Gilroy, and Morgan Hill and in southern Santa Clara County. This action will enable VTA and the other Local Partners to receive expedited permits and approvals from the USFWS and CDFG.

M/S/C (Kniss/Liccardo) to approve the cost allocation and budget for the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Conservation Plan Natural Community Conservation Plan.

10. Lifeline Transportation Program – Cycle 2 Small Urbanized Area

M/S/C (Kniss/Liccardo) to approve the recommendation for programming of FY 2009/2011 Lifeline Transportation Program JARC funds for Small urbanized Area.

OTHER

11. Litter Control Pilot Program

Tom Fitzwater, Environmental Resources Planning Manager, commented that in July 2007 VTA and Caltrans signed a memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the development of a Litter Control Pilot Program. The program was one of the recommendations in the Litter Control and Landscape Maintenance Study for Freeways in Santa Clara County, December 2005. The study recommended a minimum visual of “Slightly Littered.”

A six-month pilot program that would focus on one or two freeways was recommended to determine the level of effort required to maintain a freeway at a “Slightly Littered” level. The pilot program implemented a segment of U.S. 101 Between I-880 and Blossom Hill Road. It was determined that an annual budget of approximately \$450,000 would be required to maintain a “Slightly Littered” level throughout the 10-mile pilot program with probationers and Caltrans employees removing the litter. The cost would increase by approximately \$153,000 if probationers were unavailable to assist with the cleanup.

Mr. Fitzwater stated assuming the same level of efforts that was expended on the Pilot Program were applied to the 248 miles of Caltrans facilities in Santa Clara County to maintain the “Slightly Littered” level, the annual countywide cost would be approximately \$11.2 million.

Member Kniss expressed concern with the amount of litter on local freeways especially noting the litter that accumulates at off ramps and commented that enforcement of littering laws should be stricter.

Mr. Fitzwater commented that the primary recommendation of the Litter Control Pilot Program is to increase the level of effort of probationers and/or through the Adopt-A-Highway to aide with litter removal. He also reported that the Litter Control Pilot Program findings would be included in VTP 2035 under the Landscape Restoration and Litter/Graffiti Removal Program Category.

Ben Tripousis, Chairperson of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), commented that the TAC shares the concerns regarding the problem of litter removal in the County. Mr. Tripousis recommended the CMPP defer this item from Board consideration and allow the TAC to return to the Committee after meeting with the County agencies and Caltrans to discuss the service model.

Member Liccardo commented that enforcement of litter laws is difficult and that innovative methods of awareness such as billboards could play an important role to inform the public of the litter problem.

On order of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto, there being no objection, the Committee deferred the Litter Control Pilot Program.

12. High Occupany Toll (HOT) Lanes – Status Report on Program Concept

Casey Emoto, Acting Deputy Director Project Development, provided a brief overview of the High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes – Status Report on Program Concept highlighting: 1) background; 2) Stakeholder Coordination; 3) Public Outreach Coordination; 4) VTA Board Schedule; 5) Regional Update; 6) Definition of an Express Lane; 7) Why Express Lanes; 8) Silicon Valley Freeway Network; 9) Silicon Valley HOV Lane Network; 10) New Solution for Congested Highways; 11) Who Can Use Express Lanes; 12) How Do Express Lanes Work; 13) Do Express Lanes Work; 14) Examples of Existing Express Lanes; 15) How Are Toll Revenues used; 16) Public Opinion; 17) Enforcement; 18) Challenges; 19) Funding Options; 20) Future Board Recommendations; and 21) Schedule.

Member Liccardo inquired if any existing locations of Express Lanes have bonded out for future revenues from the lanes. Mr. Ristow commented that there are locations elsewhere in the United States where that has occurred.

On order of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto, there being no objection, the Committee received the High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes - Status Report on Program Concept.

Member Kniss left the meeting at 11:30 a.m. and the quorum was lost and a Committee of the Whole was declared.

13. VTP 2035 Status Update

Chris Augenstein, Deputy Director Planning, provided a brief overview of the VTP 2035 Status Update highlighting: 1) Attachment A – Valley Transportation Working Outline; and 2) Attachment B – VTP 2035 Planning Themes.

Mr. Augenstein requested the Committee to provide feedback and direction regarding the document.

Mr. Augenstein noted that Attachment B indicates VTP 2035 Planning Themes that form the foundation of the VTP update and reflect the issues taking place in the County and the Bay Area Region that include: 1) Long term Vision/Incremental Change; 2) Build on and maintain existing foundation; 3) Multimodal Systems Interconnection; 4) Land Use/Transportation Integration/Climate Control; 5) Pricing; 6) Efficiency and sustainability; 7) Choices; 8) VTP/VTA Program delivery; 9) Innovation/Design/Applied Technologies; and 10) Strategic Framework/Financial health.

Member Liccardo commented that future development for residents should be located near public transit corridors.

Vice Chairperson Kishimoto recommended that walkable communities be highlighted and emphasized in the VTP 2035. She also commented that a model run of first cut choices would be a valuable tool in the process regarding first mile/last mile travel times.

On order of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received the VTP 2035 Status Update.

14. Items of Concern and Referral to Administration

Member Liccardo inquired if bicycle share programs at key transit areas along transit corridors could be considered. Mr. Ristow commented that VTA, Caltrain, and the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition plan to meet to discuss coordination efforts.

15. Committee Work Plan

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

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16. Committee Staff Report

Mr. Ristow provided a brief staff report including: 1) Welcomed and introduced Bijal Patel, Deputy Director for Joint Development and Real Estate; 2) Dedication of Route 85 in honor of Norman Mineta; and 3) VTA will receive from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) an Excellence in Motion Award for the New Bus Service Plan.

Vice Chairperson Kishimoto commented that she will be speaking at the American Planning Association on the subject of Community Buses.

On order of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received the Committee Staff Report.

17. Chairperson's Report

There was no Chairperson's Report.

18. Determine Consent Agenda for October 2, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting

Consent Agenda Item #8., Approve the process for selecting project review and scoring committees for VTA Congestion Management Agency – Discretionary Grant Funding Programs that specifies a minimum committee size of 3, a maximum size of 10, member agency participation and self-nomination of committee members, as described in the memorandum; **Agenda Item #9.**, Approve the cost allocation and budget for the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan; **Agenda Item #10.**, Approve the recommendation for programming of FY 2009/2011 Lifeline Transportation Program JARC funds for Small Urbanized Area; **Agenda Item #13.**, Discussion of the VTP 2035 document outline, structure, key themes and schedule.

REGULAR: Agenda Item #12., Receive High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes – Status Report on Program Concept.

19. **Announcements**

There were no Announcements.

20. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Golzio, Board Assistant

VTA Board of Directors