

Congestion Management Program & Planning Committee

Thursday, December 18, 2008

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Congestion Management Program & Planning Committee (CMPP) was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Chairperson Campos in Conference Room B-104, Valley Transportation Authority, River Oaks Campus, 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

1. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
David Cortese	Alternate Board Member	Absent	
Nora Campos	Board Member	Present	
Liz Kniss	Board Member	Present	10:25 AM
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

Staff requested deferral of the following item to accommodate the Technical Advisory Committee's request to review the item again:

Agenda Item # 9, Authorize the General Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) defining the management,

maintenance, and operations of ramp metering systems in Santa Clara County. The Technical Advisory Committee's (TAC) request to review this item again.

M/S/C (Liccardo/Kishimoto) to accept the Orders of the Day.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Minutes of November 20, 2008

M/S/C (Kishimoto/Liccardo) to approve the Minutes of November 20, 2008.

5. Proactive CMP Reviewed and Approved Development Quarterly Status Report

On order of Chairperson Campos and there being no objection, the Committee received the Proactive CMP Reviewed and Approved Project Quarterly Status Report.

6. STIP PPM Fund Transfer Agreement with Caltrans

M/S/C (Kishimoto/Liccardo) to approve submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to adopt a resolution authorizing the General Manager to execute fund transfer agreements with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for four fiscal years from 2009 to 2012 for the State Transportation Improvement Program Planning, Programming and Monitoring Program.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. 2009 Congestion Management Program and Planning Committee Meeting Schedule

M/S/C (Kishimoto/Liccardo) to approve the 2009 Congestion Management Program and Planning Committee Meeting Schedule.

8. Revised BEP Evaluation Criteria

Chris Augenstein, CMA Deputy Director, reviewed the revised updated Bicycle Expenditure Plan (BEP) Criteria as shown on Attachment D. The revision was endorsed by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). This option sums up the points to a maximum of 100, has greater emphasis on access to schools, regional and lifeline transit; puts emphasis on the quality of the project; and lessens the Bicycle Technical Guidelines (BTG) bonus points from 10 points to five points each.

M/S/C (Kishimoto/Liccardo) to adopt the revised Bicycle Expenditure Plan Evaluation Criteria as described in Attachment D.

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

9. (Deferred to the January 15, 2009 CMPP Meeting)

Authorize the General Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) defining the management, maintenance, and operations of ramp metering systems in Santa Clara County.

10. FY 2009-2018 Mini Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP)

Mr. Augenstein discussed the Mini Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP). This is an annual update of the Full SRTP and is created to fulfill the requirement of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). The document contains the ten-year projection of transit capital and operating expenses and revenues.

Vice Chairperson Kishimoto suggested incorporating the projected increase in ridership as a result of better route and service planning.

Member Kniss took her seat at 10:25 a.m.

Upon inquiry of Member Liccardo, Michael T. Burns, General Manager, briefly discussed VTA's Fleet Management Program. The "big issue" associated with fleet management is the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) requirement for zero emission buses. The transit industry is currently working to get relief in the short-term.

The Committee expressed support for implementation of operating reserves. The Committee stressed the need to be constantly aware of the current global financial crisis and provide keen oversight to reduce the negative impact to VTA and the County. The Committee encouraged staff to continue informing the Board about legislation and funding.

M/S/C (Liccardo/Kishimoto) to approve submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to adopt the 2009 Mini Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP).

11. VTP 2035 Plan Adoption

Mr. Augenstein briefly discussed the program areas of the Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2035, the changes of the plan since the CMPP mailing, and VTP 2035 measures.

At the request of Member Kniss, Mr. Augenstein and Kurt Evans, Government Affairs Manager, discussed AB 32 (Nunez - Air pollution: greenhouse gases: California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006) and SB 375 (Steinberg - Transportation Planning: Sustainable Communities Strategy). Both are complex legislation designed to address climate issues and reduce green house gas emissions. Staff discussed the role of transportation and the level of effort that needs to be done locally, regionally, and statewide to achieve the AB 32 and SB 375 goals.

Member Kniss noted the importance of discussing the issue from a political standpoint. She requested staff include a discussion about AB 32 and SB 375 and further requested staff look into the possibility of inviting Senator Steinberg's staff for a presentation at a future meeting.

Michael T. Burns, General Manager, noted the importance of these two legislations, but expressed there is disconnect between the budget and the idea of the legislation.

Members Kniss and Liccardo expressed SB 375 should be used as an opportunity to create partnerships and have positive outcomes for the County.

Member Liccardo referred to the VTP 2035 Measures and suggested staff consider using Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) per capita instead of VMT/Vehicle Hours Traveled (VHT).

Member Kishimoto suggested describing in the document the percentage of Highway Program monies that will go to priced highways. She also suggested staff consider expanding safe routes to school for future planning. She noted her support for the VTP 2035 goals but expressed concern about the minimal results of the investments.

M/S/C (Liccardo/Kniss) on a vote of 3 ayes, 1 no, and 0 abstention to review and recommend the draft Valley Transportation Plan 2035 (VTP 2035) as Santa Clara County's long-range countywide transportation plan. Vice Chairperson Kishimoto opposed.

The Agenda was taken out of order.

13. Regional Transit-Oriented “Bike Share” Program

Member Liccardo acknowledged Member Kishimoto, and Ex-Officio Board Member Yeager's contributions to the proposed regional transit oriented bike share program. He also thanked VTA staff for their willingness to conduct the pilot program.

Member Kniss noted the influence of culture and economics in the decision to either bike or drive to school.

M/S/C (Liccardo/Kishimoto) to submit a recommendation to the Board of Directors to direct staff to conduct a Bike Sharing Pilot program as described in the recommendations outlined in the attached memorandum.

12. Multi-Modal Design Practices and Principles

Margaret Simmons-Cross, Highways Deputy Program Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Multi-modal Design Practices and Principles and highlighted the following: 1) requested action; 2) background and guidelines used; 3) US 101/Tully Interchange project status; 4) project recommendations; 5) proposed interchange configuration and features; and 6) projected results of proposed changes.

Chairperson Campos expressed support for staff recommendation as these proposed improvements are needed in the US 101/Tully corridor.

M/S/C (Kishimoto/Liccardo) to approve submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to direct staff to follow the multi-modal design approach used for the US 101/Tully Road interchange project on all future roadway improvements as feasible, including projects within the State right of way.

14. Countywide Expressway Study - 2008 Update

Dan Collen, Santa Clara County Roads and Airports Department, requested the Committee recommend to the VTA Board of Directors to endorse the Comprehensive County Expressway Planning Study to the County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Collen reviewed the 2008 updates, study process, funding shortfalls, funding strategy, capacity & operational element, operations and maintenance element, and public review schedules.

Member Liccardo requested County Staff consider a pilot project for segregated bike facilities (i.e. physical barriers) if funding becomes available.

M/S/C (Kishimoto/Liccardo) to recommend the Board of Directors endorse the Santa Clara County Countywide Expressway Study.

Member Kniss left the meeting at 11:51 a.m.

OTHER

15. VTP Highway Program Semi-Annual Report - October 2008

On order of Chairperson Campos and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the VTP Highway Program Semi-Annual Report.

16. Items of Concern and Referral to Administration

There was no Items of Concern or Referral to Administration.

17. Committee Work Plan

On order of Chairperson Campos and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the work plan.

18. Committee Staff Report

The written staff report was provided to the Members.

John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer, thanked the Members and staff for their hard work.

On order of Chairperson Campos and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Committee Staff Report.

19. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Campos thanked the Committee Members and staff for their diligent work in 2008.

20. Determine Consent Agenda for January 8, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Item #5, Receive the Proactive CMP Reviewed and Approved Project Quarterly Status Report;

Agenda Item #6, Adopt a resolution authorizing the General Manager to execute fund transfer agreements with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for four fiscal years from 2009 to 2012 for the State Transportation Improvement Program Planning, Programming and Monitoring Program;

Agenda Item #7, Approve the 2009 Congestion Management Program and Planning Committee Meeting Schedule.

Agenda Item #8, Adopt the revised Bicycle Expenditure Plan Evaluation Criteria as described in Attachment D.

Agenda Item #10, Adopt the 2009 Mini Short Range Transit Plan.

Agenda Item #12, Recommend the Board of Directors direct staff to follow the multi-modal design approach used for the US 101/Tully Road interchange project on all future roadway improvements as feasible, including projects within the State right of way.

Agenda Item #13, Direct staff conduct a Bike Sharing Pilot program as described in the recommendations outlined in the attached memorandum.

Agenda Item #14, Endorse the Santa Clara County Countywide Expressway Study.

Agenda Item #15, Receive the VTP Highway Program Semi-Annual Report.

REGULAR:

Agenda Item #11, Review and recommend the draft Valley Transportation Plan 2035 (VTP 2035) as Santa Clara County's long-range countywide transportation plan.

21. Announcements

Kurt Evans, Government Affairs Manager, provided State Legislative updates and highlighted the following:

1) the Democrats offered an \$18 billion budget solution package that is intended to be revenue neutral for the General Fund;

2) proposed major restructuring of the State Transportation Funding, which include:
a) removal of the \$0.18 gas tax; b) removal of gas sales tax; c) replace gas tax with gas fee at \$0.39 per gallon; d) gas fee will be indexed to the Consumer Price Index (CPI); e) maintain the sales tax on diesel; f) authorization for Counties to increase Transportation Development Act (TDA) by 1/4 cent.

Mr. Evans noted the effects of the proposed legislation to transit funding, noting the details are still to be worked out.

22. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Campos and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine F. Baltao, Board Assistant
VTA Board of Directors