

Congestion Management Program & Planning Committee

Thursday, January 15, 2009

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 Liccardo 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
Nora Campos	Alternate Board Member	Absent	
Rose Herrera	Board Member	Absent	
Yoriko Kishimoto	Board Member	Present	
Sam Liccardo	Board Member	Present	
Chris Moylan	Alternate Board Member	Absent	
Nancy Pyle	Board Member	Present	

* 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 December 18, 2008

M/S/C (Kishimoto/Pyle) to approve the revised Minutes of December 18, 2008.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Elect Standing Committee Vice Chairperson

Chairperson Liccardo opened the nominations from the floor for the position of Vice Chairperson of the Congestion Management Program and Planning (CMPP) Committee for 2009.

Member Kishimoto volunteered to serve as the Vice Chairperson for 2009.

M/S/C (Pyle/Kishimoto) to close the nominations and elect Yoriko Kishimoto as the Committee's Vice Chairperson for calendar year 2009.

6. Memorandum of Understanding to Implement Ramp Metering in Santa Clara County

David Kobayashi, Senior Transportation Planner, provided background information on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to Implement Ramp Metering in Santa Clara County. He noted the three corridors where ramp metering would be implemented in Santa Clara County: 1) Southbound State Route (SR) 85 between Almaden Expressway and Cottle Road; 2) Northbound and Southbound SR 87 between US 101 and SR 85; and 3) Southbound US 101 between Embarcadero Road and De La Cruz Boulevard.

Mr. Kobayashi reported the MOU is based upon an approved MOU between the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County and Caltrans for ramp metering. He provided a report on the seven sections contained in the MOU between VTA and Caltrans: 1) Goal; 2) Governance; 3) Operating Principles; 4) Operating Parameters; 5) Implementation Phasing; 6) Capital Improvements; and 7) Monitoring and Maintenance.

Chairperson Liccardo referenced the MOU, Page 4 of 7, third bullet, and queried if any ramp metering equipment is installed outside of Caltrans' Right-of-Way. Mr. Kobayashi noted that all ramp metering equipment has been and will be installed within Caltrans' Right-of-Way.

M/S/C (Pyle/Kishimoto) to request the VTA Board of Directors 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.

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

7. **Contract Amendment with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. for Final Design of the Southbound I-880/Stevens Creek Boulevard Interchange Improvements and Additional Preliminary Engineering Alternatives for the I-280/I-880/Stevens Creek Interchange Project**

Mark S. Robinson, Chief Engineering & Construction Officer, provided background information on the I-280/I-880/Stevens Creek Interchange Project, noting the project was included on the high priority list of projects in the Valley Transportation Plan (VTP 2030).

Mr. Robinson reported the item is to amend the contract with Mark Thomas & Company to begin final design services required to complete the plans, specifications and estimate (PS&E) for the southbound I-880/Stevens Creek Boulevard Interchange improvements and to complete the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Document that evaluates multiple design alternative for the Winchester Boulevard connection to I-880.

Vice Chairperson Kishimoto queried if improvements being considered include those for bicyclists and pedestrians and the future Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line along Stevens Creek Boulevard. Mr. Robinson indicated the project includes bicyclists/pedestrian improvements and the project is taking into consideration the future BRT line.

Vice Chairperson Kishimoto suggested bringing in an urban design person in the early design phases.

M/S/C (Pyle/Kishimoto) to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract amendment to contract S05056 with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. for: 1) Phase 2 final design and plans, specifications and estimate (PS&E) services for the southbound I-880/Stevens Creek Boulevard interchange improvements; and 2) additional Phase 1 efforts to complete the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Document for the I-280/I-880/Stevens Creek Interchange Project. The amendment will increase the approved contract by a not-to-exceed value of \$1,750,000 for a revised contract value of up to \$4,566,025 and will extend the term of the contract through December 31, 2010.

8. **SR 152 Interregional Corridor Alignment Study**

Ms. Simmons-Cross provided background information on the State Route (SR) 152 corridor, highlighting: 1) Corridor is an east-west corridor connecting the Central Valley to the South Bay; 2) SR 152 links SR 99 and Interstate 5 in the Central Valley to US 101 in Santa Clara County; 3) Problems associated with the segment of SR 152 extending from the SR 152/156 junction to US 101; 4) Previous studies conducted; 5) SR 152 Realignment Study initiated by VTA in 2007; and 6) Funding allocation to study corridor management options for SR 152 between US 101 and SR 99.

The purpose of the proposed Study is to improve in interregional travel, commercial goods movement, air quality, and corridor safety between the Central Valley and the South Bay via an east-west connection between SR 99/I-5 and US 101 by providing gap closure between US 101 and SR 156.

Ms. Simmons-Cross noted VTA staff is seeking CMPP's concurrence to forward the recommendation to the Board of Directors for their consideration.

Vice Chairperson Kishimoto expressed her opposition to support the recommendation if language limiting the analysis to a facility of two lanes in each direction was not included.

M/S/F (Pyle/Liccardo) on a vote of 2 ayes to 1 no to 0 abstentions, to authorize the General Manager to execute the following actions: 1) Execute necessary agreements with the State of California, San Benito, Madera and Merced Counties County in order facilitate the project study and to accept and use State grant funds for the study; 2) Approve the programming of \$5 million in Local Program Reserve funds to serve as the local match commitment to fund the Study; and 3) Authorize the General Manager to negotiate and amend Contract S07025 with HDR Corporation to perform the preliminary engineering, toll revenue projections, alignment studies and environmental clearance documentation for \$6,500,000 for a new total contract value of \$6,650,000 and extend the term of the contract to December 31, 2012. Vice Chairperson Kishimoto opposed.

On order of Chairperson Liccardo and there being no objection, the item was forwarded to the Board of Directors.

OTHER

9. 2020 Peninsula Corridor Gateway Study

John Hoang, City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG), provided a PowerPoint Presentation on the 2020 Peninsula Corridor Gateway Study, highlighting: 1) Background; 2) Project Study Area; 3) Purpose of the Study; 4) Study Objectives; 5) Definition of Problem; and 6) Solution Evaluation Process.

Richard Napier, C/CAG, continued the PowerPoint Presentation on the 2020 Peninsula Corridor Gateway Study, highlighting: 1) Accomplishments; 2) Action Plan for Stakeholders Consideration; 3) Near Term Implementation; 4) Near Term Projects; 5) Benefits of Near Term Projects; 6) Long Term Projects; 7) Grade Separation; and 8) Separate Local/Regional Traffic.

Chairperson Liccardo, in reference to the slide entitled, Near Term Projects, Proposed Improvements, “Willow Road operational improvements and ITS”; and “University Avenue operational improvements and ITS”, and in regards to signal timing, felt there are usually less emissions and asked why a positive result was not listed instead of a negative result in the Potential Impacts-Environmental category. Mr. Napier noted he would provide a report back.

On order of Chairperson Liccardo and there being no objection, the Committee received a report on the 2020 Peninsula Corridor Gateway Study.

NOTE: M/S/F MEANS MOTION SECONDED AND FAILED.

10. **Revised Joint Development Policy**

Bijal Patel, Deputy Director for Joint Development and Real Estate, provided background information on the Joint Development Program, noting the mission of the Program. She indicated VTA staff is proposing a new framework that would replace the existing structure and the framework consists of two documents: 1) Part I – Joint Development Policy and 2) Part II – Joint Development Implementation Plan.

Ms. Patel provided an overview of Part I – Joint Development Policy, highlighting: 1) Draft Preamble; 2) Section I - Mission Statement; 3) Section II - Goals; 4) Section III –Objectives; 5) Section IV – Joint Development Real Estate Assets; 6) Section V – Participatory Process; and 7) Section VI – Organizational Commitment.

Ms. Patel noted staff anticipates presenting Part II – Joint Development Implementation Plan, to the Committee at the February 19, 2009 meeting.

Vice Chairperson Kishimoto referenced the priority order of the goals contained in Section II and expressed concern that “Revenue” was listed first. Vice Chairperson Kishimoto requested information on the larger real estate framework portfolio.

Chairperson Liccardo echoed Vice Chairperson Kishimoto’s concerns regarding the priority order of the goals. He noted revenue may well be a priority on particular projects, but it should not be set as a priority when looking at all projects value wide.

Vice Chairperson Kishimoto noted an emphasis should be placed on long-term revenue. Vice Chairperson Kishimoto referenced the parking issue and queried if the guidelines lead to decisions which will discourage parking and instead require walkable neighborhoods. She recommended further discussions be held regarding the parking issue.

Chairperson Liccardo referenced Part I – Joint Development Policy, Page 5 of 6, Section IV – Joint Development Real Estate Assets, Paragraph C – Joint Development Priority Schedule, and expressed concern about staff not being allowed enough room to be nimble when opportunities arise.

On order of Chairperson Liccardo and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed and discussed the revised Joint Development Policy.

11. **Items of Concern and Referral to Administration**

There was no Items of Concern or Referral to Administration.

12. **Committee Work Plan**

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

13. **Committee Staff Report**

The written staff report was provided to the Members.

John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer, referenced the written staff report and provided a report, highlighting: 1) High Speed Rail Authority has scheduled an environmental scoping meeting for the segment of corridor from San Jose to San Francisco on January 29, 2009, at the Santa Clara Convention Center and 2) Federal Stimulus Package. VTA staff anticipates presenting a list of possible projects to the Board of Directors at their February 5, 2009 meeting for consideration.

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

12. Committee Work Plan (continued)

Vice Chairperson Kishimoto requested the items referencing bicycle projects be more emphasized on the Committee Work Plan.

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

14. Chairperson's Report

There was no Chairperson's Report.

15. Determine Consent Agenda for February 5, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting

CONSENT:

Agenda Item #6. Request the VTA Board of Directors 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.

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REGULAR:

None

16. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

17. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Liccardo and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracene Y. Crenshaw, Board Assistant
VTA Board of Directors