

## Congestion Management Program & Planning Committee

Thursday, November 19, 2009

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

##### 1. ROLL CALL

The Regular Meeting of the Congestion Management Program & Planning Committee (CMPP) was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Vice Chairperson Kishimoto in Conference Room B-104, Valley Transportation Authority, River Oaks Campus, 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Rose Herrera	Member	Present
Yoriko Kishimoto	Vice Chairperson	Present
Sam Liccardo	Chairperson	Absent
Nancy Pyle	Member	Absent
Nora Campos	Alternate Member	N/A
Chris Moylan	Alternate Member	N/A

**A quorum was not present and a 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.

**The Agenda was taken out of order.**

##### 12. High-Speed Rail Legislation

Kurt Evans, Government Affairs Manager, provided an overview of the staff report. The Legislature is aware that since the passing of Proposition 1A, the focus of the High Speed Rail Authority has shifted from a planning entity to a project development and construction agency. He discussed the High Speed Rail key bills introduced in 2009: SB 409 (Ducheny); AB 153 (Ma); AB 289 (Galgiani); AB 733 (Galgiani); AB 1375 (Galgiani); SB 455 (Lowenthal); and SB 783 (Ashburn).

Currently, SB 409 has the following provisions: High Speed Rail Authority restructure; creation of a Department of Railroads within the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency; and transfer of some Caltrans and California Public Utilities Commission

(CPUC) responsibilities. At this time, not all key players have fully supported the concept; thus, the Legislature views SB 409 (Ducheny) as a placeholder. When the session resumes in January 2010, the Legislature will work and determine the High Speed Rail Authority structure that will effectively manage and deliver this project.

Member Herrera arrived and took her seat at 10:10 a.m.

Upon inquiry of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto, Mr. Evans commented VTA should not take a position on any bill regarding High Speed Rail until there is clarity on bill provisions and its impacts to various agencies.

Vice Chairperson Kishimoto expressed preference for integration of High Speed Rail with other State rail facilities. She noted there should be coordination in planning, land use, and “context sensitive solutions” for integrating rail with communities.

Member Herrera reported the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (JPA) expressed concern about SB 409’s provision to create a Department of Railroads. She noted the JPA has not taken any support or oppose position. The JPA will send a letter requesting clarification the Capital Corridor JPA will still exist and funding will still available. With regard to Intercity Rail, there is concern about funding for the new rail cars.

**On order of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto** and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole reviewed high-speed rail bills that were introduced in the California State Legislature in 2009.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **4. Minutes of October 15, 2009**

**On order of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto** and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole deferred approval of the Minutes of October 15, 2009.

### **5. Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for July-September 2009**

**On order of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto** and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received the Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for July to September 2009.

### **6. Programmed Project Monitoring - Quarterly Report**

**On order of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto** and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received the Programmed Projects Quarterly Monitoring Report for July-September 2009.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 7. Community Design & Transportation (CDT) Program - FY10/11 Capital Grant Award

Marcella Rensi, Transportation Planning Manager, provided an overview of the staff report. About \$5 million is available to fund four projects noted in Attachment A.

Upon inquiry of the Committee of the Whole, Ms. Rensi stated some recommended projects are bicycle/pedestrian projects, and the requirement is a minimum of 20 percent local match. Ms. Rensi added there will be another call for projects sometime late spring or early summer next year.

**On order of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto** and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole approved submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve the project list to program Community Design & Transportation Program Capital Grants as shown in Attachment A.

### 8. 2010 STIP Program

Ms. Rensi provided an overview of the staff report, noting the revenue projections for 2011-2015 is barely enough to cover the programmed commitments. Michael T. Burns, General Manager, stated the Board has already identified the projects referenced in Page 3 of 3 for this funding.

Upon inquiry of Member Herrera, John Ristow, Chief CMA Officer and staff liaison, explained this funding is programmed for the CELR and will be available July 1, 2010. This process aligns the funds so that it can be used by VTA as the sponsoring agency.

Member Herrera noted the community is very appreciative of the work and excited for the Capitol Expressway Light Rail (CELR) Extension Project.

Vice Chairperson Kishimoto inquired about the status of the Airport People Mover. Mr. Ristow noted the City of San Jose released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure services that will investigate which type of mode and how connections will be made.

Vice Chairperson Kishimoto requested putting more background in the memorandum including history, and STIP programming actions in the past.

**On order of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto** and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole approved submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve the 2010 STIP Program priorities as presented by VTA staff in this memorandum.

### 9. Transportation Fund for Clean Air Act (TFCA) 40% Project Selection Criteria Revisions

Ms. Rensi provided an overview of the staff report. Ms. Rensi discussed the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), CIP and Systems Operations & Management Working

Groups' comments regarding the proposed criteria revisions. Ms. Rensi noted there was consensus regarding the cost effectiveness, local match criteria, and consideration of pedestrian, bicycle and transit facilities. However, there was no consensus on the criterion regarding the impacts to transit operation.

Mr. Ristow explained staff's position is to balance the needs of motorists, transit, bicycles, and pedestrians. He noted VTA staff wants a guarantee that new TFCA projects do not degrade transit signal priority system of light rail, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Line 522, or any other future VTA projects requiring signal priority.

Upon inquiry of Member Herrera, Ms. Rensi noted some of the concerns raised were the following: 1) This is the first step towards the "Transit First Policy;" and 2) The criteria will provide veto power over signal timing projects. Mr. Ristow referred to concern #2 and clarified each city controls what signal priority they provide to a new service.

Member Herrera commented there seems to be miscommunication regarding the impacts to transit criterion. She expressed support for improving the efficiency of transit systems and noted there should be more discussion to address the concerns. She stated the importance of finding balance among all transportation modes, including bicyclists and pedestrians. She also noted that there should be coordination early in the process between VTA and project sponsor.

Vice Chairperson Kishimoto recommended a criterion language change to make maintenance and improvement of transit priority signal a goal rather than a requirement.

**On order of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto** and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole approved submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to modify the criteria used to evaluate and select projects for the Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) Program Manager fund and review the status of ongoing Santa Clara County TFCA projects.

## **10. 2009 Congestion Management Program (CMP)**

John Sighamony, Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the staff report including the major changes of the CMP since 2007.

Vice Chairperson Kishimoto requested including a map that shows development or land use data near transit facilities.

Chris Augenstein, CMA Deputy Director, reported VTA is beginning to do its long-range planning process in parallel and coordination with Association of Bay Area Government (ABAG) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). This process includes planning how to participate in SB 375.

Member Herrera noted there is nexus between land use and transit and commented there should be more incentives for job makers to create jobs near transit facilities.

**On order of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto** and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole approved submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to adopt the 2009 Santa Clara County Congestion Management Program (CMP).

Member Herrera left the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

11. **Memorandum of Understanding Between Council of San Benito County Governments and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority for SR 152 Corridor**

**On order of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto** and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole approved submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to authorize the General Manager for Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Council of San Benito County Governments to formalize the Mobility Partnership committee to provide direction on the development of a SR 152 Trade Corridor and a new alignment of SR 152 between SR 156 and US 101.

**OTHER**

13. **Bike Share Program Update**

Aiko Cuenco, Transportation Planner, provided an overview of staff report. Ms. Cuenco reported staff applied for Safe Routes to Transit Grant for the pilot program implementation. Staff was notified their application is recommended for approval and confirmation of grant funding is expected next month. The pilot program is slated to be implemented in Spring of 2010.

**On order of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto** and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received an update on the Bicycle Sharing Pilot Program.

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

There were no Items of Concern or Referral to Administration.

15. **Committee Work Plan**

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

16. **Committee Staff Report**

Mr. Ristow noted the written Committee Staff Report is available on the table. He highlighted SB 83 (Hancock) has been signed by the Governor. This will allow each Bay Area CMA to put a vehicle registration fee of up to \$10 per year before the voters.

**On order of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto** and 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. Consent Agenda for December 10, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting**

**CONSENT:**

Agenda Item #5. Receive a presentation on the Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for July through September 2009.

Agenda Item #6. Receive the Programmed Projects Quarterly Monitoring Report for July-September 2009.

Agenda Item #7. Approve the project list to program Community Design & Transportation Program Capital Grants as shown in Attachment A.

Agenda Item #8. Approve the 2010 STIP Program priorities as presented by VTA staff in this memorandum.

Agenda Item #9. Modify the criteria used to evaluate and select projects for the Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) Program Manager fund and review the status of ongoing Santa Clara County TFCA projects.

Agenda Item #10. Adopt the 2009 Santa Clara County Congestion Management Program (CMP).

Agenda Item #11. Authorize the General Manager for Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Council of San Benito County Governments to formalize the Mobility Partnership committee to provide direction on the development of a SR 152 Trade Corridor and a new alignment of SR 152 between SR 156 and US 101.

**19. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

**On order of Vice Chairperson Kishimoto** and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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