

## CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Friday, August 20, 2010

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Congestion Management Program & Planning Committee (CMPP) was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Chairperson Pyle in Conference Room B-104, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, River Oaks Campus, 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

#### 1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Rose Herrera	Member	Present
Chris Moylan	Member	Present
Chuck Page	Vice Chairperson	Present
Nancy Pyle	Chairperson	Present
Marshall Anstandig	Alternate Member	NA
Nora Campos	Alternate Member	NA
Jamie Matthews	Alternate Member	NA

**A quorum was present.**

#### 2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no Public Presentations.

#### 3. ORDERS OF THE DAY

John Ristow, Chief Congestion Management Agency (CMA) Officer and Staff Liaison, requested that Agenda Item #10, SB-83 Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Program, be changed from an action item to an information item. He noted this item will come back through the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the CMPP in September.

**M/S/C (Page/Moylan)** to accept the Orders of the Day.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

#### 4. Minutes of May 21, 2010

**M/S/C (Moylan/Pyle)** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2010.

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

5. **Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for April through June 2010**

**On order of Chairperson Pyle** and there being no objection, the Committee received the Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for April through June 2010.

6. **Programmed Projects Quarterly Monitoring Report for April 2010 - June 2010**

**On order of Chairperson Pyle** and there being no objection, the Committee received the Programmed Projects Quarterly Monitoring Report for April 2010 - June 2010.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

7. **Resolution to Accept Safe Route to Transit Funds for the VTA Plot Bike Share Program**

Ying Smith, Transportation Planning Manager, provided the staff report.

John Ristow noted that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) requires all project applicants to adopt a resolution prior to submitting a project application for grant funding. He noted MTC has requested a much more detailed description for this project than usual. Mr. Ristow stated, although VTA may potentially be the recipient for additional funds for program expansion, the current resolution is for \$500,000 in Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Safe Route to Transit funds. He noted should more funds become available staff will come back to the Board.

Member Moylan suggested the Board determine a better way to streamline the process for submitting these grant applications, especially for those requiring a quick-turnaround time. Michael T. Burns, General Manager, noted this would require a Board action delegating this authorization to the General Manager.

Member Moylan noted his comments were not solely directed toward MTC, but for all potential grants. He stated if the Board has already identified a specific project to staff as a priority, and staff has the ability to obtain grant funding for that project, staff should not have to take the time to bring the request back before the Board. Vice Chairperson Page noted his agreement with Member Moylan's comments.

**M/S/C (Page/Moylan)** to approve submitting a recommendation to the Board to adopt a resolution and authorize the General Manager to enter into a funding agreement with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to accept \$500,000 in RM2 Safe Routes to Transit funds for the purpose of implementing a pilot bike share program in Santa Clara County.

8. **School-Based Vehicle Emissions Reduction Program**

Marcella Rensi, Transportation Planning Manager, provided the staff report.

Ms. Rensi noted MTC has set aside approximately \$4 million in Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding for this program. She stated VTA must establish a process and criteria for evaluating this project. Ms. Rensi identified this as an air quality program with its primary goal to reduce emissions by encouraging individuals

to walk, bicycle, or carpool to school.

Member Herrera took her seat at 12:15 p.m.

Ms. Rensi noted the program will fund both infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects. She identified non-infrastructure projects as including education through training programs, with infrastructure projects to include, for example, building a bridge across a creek that would save a mile of walking.

Members Moylan and Herrera noted this was a good program, especially at the elementary school level. They suggested the use of incentives, such as tokens for free lunches, would motivate the children to walk to school.

Member Herrera stated school principals are concerned that traffic in the school parking lots are creating unsafe conditions for students. She also noted the safety concerns parents have with children who walk to school.

Member Page questioned how air quality improvements would be measured. Ms. Rensi stated VTA would be drawing on the Air District's experience.

Member Herrera confirmed with Ms. Rensi that part of the infrastructure work would include the restriping of crosswalks and bicycle lanes.

Member Moylan questioned the mechanism for refining this project. Mr. Ristow noted everything is dependent upon data received. He stated upon Board approval a call for projects will go out the next day.

Vice Chairperson Page recommended changing the name of the program from School Based Vehicle Emissions Reductions (SBVER) to Vehicle Emissions Reductions Based at Schools (VERBS).

**M/S/C (Page/Herrera)** to approve submitting a recommendation to the Board to approve the evaluation criteria and procedures for selecting projects and awarding School-Based Vehicle Emissions Reduction Program grants.

**9. Cooperative Site Plan Agreement with City of Morgan Hill**

Mr. Ristow provided the staff report.

Revised Agenda Item #9a was provided as a handout. The revisions to this handout, a map defining the Downtown Morgan Hill area bordered by Depot Street, E. Main Avenue, and Butterfield Boulevard, included adding streets names, as well as the (former) location of the Superior Court Building.

**M/S/C (Herrera/Page)** to approve submitting a recommendation to the Board to authorize the General Manager to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Morgan Hill to engage in a site planning process to determine the optimal replacement parking solution for the Morgan Hill Caltrain ParkNRide Lot.

**10. SB-83 Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) program**

Mr. Ristow provided the staff report.

He noted this item was changed from an action to an information item under the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Ristow stated upon reviewing this item the TAC determined they had a number of questions that require answers prior to moving this item forward to the Board.

Member Moylan questioned why the same criterion was not used to determine the share of funds for the cities and the County. Mr. Ristow stated staff believes the best metric is via registered vehicles within the jurisdiction, but the zip codes do not follow jurisdictional lines. Staff's second choice was via population, but the County has a lower population and relatively higher vehicle miles. Ultimately, the TAC membership recommended and the Board adopted the existing criterion when the expenditure plan was established. Mr. Ristow stated the goal is to eventually modify the criterion and base it upon vehicle registration.

**On order of Chairperson Pyle** and there being no objection, the Committee received a presentation on the SB-83 Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) program.

**11. VTA Deficiency Plan Requirements Update**

Eugene Maeda, Senior Transportation Planner, provided the staff report.

Two handouts were provided to the Committee: Attachment A: Draft Deficiency Plan Requirements Update – August 2010; and Attachment B, highlighting: 1) Congestion Management Program (CMP) Intersections; 2) Figure 1: 2008 CMP Intersection Level of Service; 3) Congestion Management Program (CMP) Freeways; 4) Figure 2: 2009 CMP Freeway Segments Operating at level of service (LOS) E-F (AM Peak Period); and Figure 3: 2009 CMP Freeway Segments Operating at LOS E-F (PM Peak Period).

Member Moylan noted when he was on the County's Expressway Policy Board they reversed a decision not allowing vehicles to make a left turn from the Kaiser Permanente Hospital property onto Homestead Road. He asked staff for a current LOS report for the Homestead Road/Lawrence Expressway intersection, questioning whether the LOS had improved once that change had been made. Mr. Ristow noted staff would provide this information to Member Moylan.

**M/S/C (Herrera/Page)** to approve submitting a recommendation to the Board to adopt the updated VTA Deficiency Plan Requirements document.

**OTHER**

**12. Grand Boulevard Initiative Multimodal Transportation Corridor Plan**

Robert Swierk, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a handout entitled, "Grand Boulevard Initiative Multimodal Transportation Corridor Plan – August 2010, highlighting: 1) Grand Boulevard Initiative Overview; 2) El Camino State Route 82;

3) Grand Boulevard Multimodal Corridor Plan; 4) Existing Conditions & Planning Improvements; 5) Multimodal Access & Design; 6) Street Design Prototypes – Examples; 7) Analysis of Future Transit & Land Use; 8) Future Transit Needs & Recommended Service; 9) Corridor Operations & Management; and 10) Moving Forward.

Vice Chairperson Page noted he had visited the Grand Boulevard Initiative (GBI) website and was impressed both by the website and the overall initiative.

Chairperson Pyle questioned whether the GBI was a push toward regionalism. Mr. Ristow defined the GBI as regional coordination.

Chairperson Pyle stated she was pleased with the historical aspect of the GBI and is excited about this project.

Member Herrera questioned whether any cities beyond San José had discussed relinquishment of the roadway. Mr. Swierk noted the City of Santa Clara has discussed options for relinquishment as part of their General Plan update.

Member Herrera noted, based on the modeling summary, land use appears to play a large role in determining transit ridership on the corridor.

Member Herrera questioned whether the GBI is looking at economic development and encouraging job creation, because these go hand-in-hand with transportation and land-use policies. Mr. Swierk noted there is a parallel effort under the GBI called the Economic and Housing Opportunities (ECHO) study that is looking at the economic feasibility, opportunities, and challenges to achieve the GBI vision.

Chairperson Pyle questioned whether the GBI represents a step toward regionalism. Mr. Swierk stated it is in the same spirit, but the agencies involved have taken a bottom-up approach. He noted the GBI could also be a model for corridor planning in the SB 375 / Sustainable Communities Strategy process.

**On order of Chairperson Pyle** and there being no objection, the Committee received a report on the Grand Boulevard Initiative Multimodal Transportation Corridor Plan.

### **13. SR 152 Trade Corridor Project**

Casey Emoto, Deputy Director Project Development, provided the staff report.

Two handouts were provided. The first, entitled SR152 Trade Corridor Project Status – September 2, 2010, highlighted: 1) Project Goals & Objectives; 2) Corridor Significance; 3) Project Description Route Characteristics; 4) Truck Data: E-W Crossing Distribution; 5) Need For Corridor Improvements; 6) Highway Improvements – Traffic and Revenue Study; 7) Order of Magnitude Costs; 8) Tolling Alternatives – Full Corridor & Western Alignment; 9) Financing Capacity Assessment; 10) Traffic & Revenue Study Summary; 11) Alternative 3-A (Shared Corridor); 12) Stakeholder Outreach; 13) Schedule Overview; and 14) Next Steps – SR 152.

The second handout, entitled Fact Sheet: Highways, Route 152 Trade Corridor Project, highlighted: 1) Project Description; 2) Objectives; 3) Project Funding; 4) Project Schedule; 5) How to Reach Us; and 6) A map of the Route 152 Trade Corridor Project.

Members of the Committee expressed support for continued work on the project.

**On order of Chairperson Pyle** and there being no objection, the Committee received a status report on SR 152 Trade Corridor Project.

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

The Committee requested VTA look at ways to streamline the process to receive grants from MTC.

Member Moylan asked staff to look at current level of service at Homestead Road and Lawrence Expressway, near Kaiser Hospital.

**15. Committee Work Plan**

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

**16. Committee Staff Report**

Mr. Ristow provided a handout to the Committee noting: 1) VTA received the first delivery of the new hybrid buses scheduled for deployment into revenue service in November 2010; 2) Proposed new pedestrian overcrossing of Monterey Highway and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks at Blossom Hill Road in South San Jose is scheduled to be released for construction bids on September 3, 2010, with construction to commence later in the year; 3) On September 3, 2010, VTA will host the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and MTC for a leadership roundtable on the development of Sustainable Communities Strategy following the requirement of SB375. The VTA Board Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Santa Clara County elected offices that serve on regional boards of ABAG, MTC, Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), and the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) are invited to attend along with planning officials from the County of Santa Clara and the cities within Santa Clara County; 4) VTA received a Record of Decision (ROD) for the Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Extension to Berryessa project; 5) VTA will begin the first phase of implementation from the Light Rail Systems Analysis by operating peak period express trains from south San Jose into downtown in October, 2010; 6) High Speed Rail released proposed alternative analysis reports for both San Jose to Merced and San Jose to San Francisco segments. The alternatives described will be what are carried forth for review within the environmental documents for the project; 7) The I-680 Express Lanes project is scheduled to open for toll operations on September 20, 2010; 8) At its September 2010 meeting, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) is scheduled to consider project funding allocations for the first phases of the Capital Expressway pedestrian improvement construction and right of way acquisition; 9) Bids received on CMIA funded Route 101 Tully Improvement project came in at \$23,500,000 – approximately 35% under the Engineer’s estimate; 10) Seven of the nine Bay Area CMAs adopted SB83 resolutions placing the measure on the November 2010 ballot. Counties not moving

forward with ballot measures were Napa and Solano; 11) VTA issued a call for projects for the second round of funding for the Community Design and Transportation Program grants on August 6, 2010, and project applications are due October 4, 2010.

**17. Chairperson's Report**

Chairperson Pyle noted staff has a hybrid bus in the parking lot available for the Committee to tour.

Mike Hursh, Deputy Director Maintenance & Security, reported that VTA utilized federal funding from the American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and the California Proposition 1B funds to purchase 90 Low-Emission Diesel Electric Hybrid Buses. The hybrid buses are built by Gillig LLC in Hayward, California, and meet the newest clean air standards issued by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Mr. Hursh reviewed the features of the hybrid bus.

**18. Consent Agenda for the September 2, 2010, Board of Directors Meeting**

**CONSENT:**

**Agenda Item #5.** Receive a presentation on the Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for April through June 2010.

**Agenda Item #6.** Receive the Programmed Projects Quarterly Monitoring Report for April 2010 - June 2010.

**Agenda Item #7.** Adopt a Resolution and authorize the General Manager to enter into a funding agreement with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to accept \$500,000 in RM2 Safe Routes to Transit funds for the purpose of implementing a pilot bike share program in Santa Clara County.

**Agenda Item #8.** Approve the evaluation criteria and procedures for selecting projects and awarding School-Based Vehicle Emissions Reduction Program grants.

**Agenda Item #9.** Authorize the General Manager to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Morgan Hill to engage in a site planning process to determine the optimal replacement parking solution for the Morgan Hill Caltrain ParkNRide Lot.

**Agenda Item #11.** Adopt the updated VTA Deficiency Plan Requirements document.

**Agenda Item #12.** Receive a report on the Grand Boulevard Initiative Multimodal Transportation Corridor Plan.

**Agenda Item #13.** Receive a status report on SR 152 Trade Corridor Project.

**REGULAR:** No items were moved to the Regular Agenda.

**Moved to September 17, 2010, CMPP Committee Meeting**

**Agenda Item #10.** Adopt administrative procedures for the SB-83 Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) program.

**19. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Announcements.

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

**On order of Chairperson Pyle** and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Office of the Board Secretary