



TRANSIT PLANNING & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 18, 2003

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Transit Planning and Operations (TP&O) Committee was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Chairperson Cortese in Room 216B, San Jose City Hall, 801 North First Street, San Jose, California.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

David Cortese, Chairperson
Fred Fowler

Members Absent

Ron Gonzales
Dena Mossar
Ken Yeager

A quorum was not present.

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, a Committee of the Whole was declared.

2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Eugene Bradley, Santa Clara VTA Riders Union (SCVTARU) expressed concern that VTA has not advertised the use of bus and light rail stations for sports events and holiday shopping near malls. Mr. Bradley distributed a document regarding the location of bus stops in relation to the malls. Mr. Bradley requested that VTA staff work with the SCVTARU to create a link on the VTA website promoting the fact that transit is available throughout the holidays.

James Wightman, concerned citizen, stated that he found an identification card on light rail. Mr. Wightman further stated that when he presented the card to the light rail operator, he was rudely "waved off". Mr. Wightman noted that he returned the identification card to the VTA Customer Service Center in downtown San Jose.

3. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Orders of the Day.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Minutes of September 18, 2003

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole deferred approval of the Minutes of September 18, 2003.

5. Minutes of October 16, 2003

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole deferred approval of the Minutes of October 16, 2003.

6. Minutes of November 20, 2003

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole deferred approval of the Minutes of November 20, 2003.

7. Community Oriented Design Enhancements (CODE) Program Update of November- December 2003

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received and filed the Community Oriented Design Enhancements (CODE) Program Update of November- December 2003.

8. Report on the Capitol Light Rail Project for the Month of November 2003

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received and filed the Report on the Capitol Light Rail Project for the Month of November 2003.

9. Report on the Tasman East Light Rail Project for the Month of November 2003

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received and filed the Report on the Tasman East Light Rail Project for the Month of November 2003.

10. Report on the Vasona Light Rail Project for the Month of November 2003

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received and filed the Report on the Vasona Light Rail Project for the Month of November 2003.

11. Joint Powers Board Monthly Status Report

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received and filed the Joint Powers Board Monthly Status Report.

12. Committee for Transit Accessibility Report

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received and filed the Committee for Transit Accessibility Report.

13. Monthly Legislative Report

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received and filed the Monthly Legislative Report.

REGULAR AGENDA

14. Contract for Armed and Unarmed Security and Protective Services

Raymond Frank, Chief of Security, provided a brief presentation regarding the Contract for Armed and Unarmed Security and Protective Services.

Chief Frank stated that VTA has a security program comprised of the County of Santa Clara Sheriff's Transit Patrol as well as contract security. The contract expires February 2004.

Chief Frank reported that a Request for Proposal (RFP) was sent to 12 security services firms. Seven security firms responded. King Security Services, Securitas Security Services USA, Inc., and the Wackenhut Corporation, were invited for interviews and presentations. The Review Board selected Securitas Security Services USA, Inc. since they meet the needs of VTA's program due to past experience and ability to deal with VTA's Drug and Alcohol Program.

Mr. Bradley queried the expense to VTA of a private security firm rather than using local police officers throughout the light rail system. Peter M. Cipolla, General Manager, responded that there are various levels of security at VTA facilities including security for

customers, employees, security needs at each VTA facility, security that travels with armored cars to pick up revenue, and walking security guards both armed and unarmed on bus and major rail systems.

On order of Chairperson Cortese, the Committee of the Whole approved submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with Securitas Security Services USA, Inc., (Securitas) to provide armed and unarmed security and protective services for all VTA facilities and selected transit centers and light rail station platforms. The term of the contract is three years with two one-year options in the amount of \$16,247,700 for the first three years of the contract. Further, to authorize the General Manager, at his discretion, to exercise the two one-year options for an amount of \$12,157,600 for the fourth and fifth years of the contract.

OTHER ITEMS

15. Financial Stability Strategy

The Committee of the Whole discussed the Financial Stability Strategy, which includes revenue enhancement measures recommended by the Ad-Hoc Financial Stability Committee.

Frank Sharpless, Transportation Policy and Program Manager, reviewed a brief summary of the Financial Stability Strategy. Mr. Sharpless noted that the Ad-Hoc Financial Stability Committee developed 19 recommendations that were adopted by the Board of Directors as a part of the budget for the current year.

Interim Member Fowler took his seat at 4:45 p.m.

Mr. Cipolla noted that the Financial Stability Strategy was adopted today at the Meeting of the Administration and Finance (A&F) Committee.

16. Transit Performance Measures

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole deferred discussion of the Transit Performance Measures.

17. Committee Work Plan

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

18. Committee Staff Report

There was no Committee Staff Report.

19. Chairperson's Report

There was no Chairperson's Report.

20. Determine the Consent Agenda for the January 8, 2004 Board Meeting

CONSENT: None

REGULAR: **Item #14.**, Authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with Securitas Security Services USA, Inc., (Securitas) to provide armed and unarmed security and protective services for all VTA facilities and selected transit centers and light rail station platforms. The term of the contract is three years with two one-year options in the amount of \$16,247,700 for the first three years of the contract. Further, authorize the General Manager, at his discretion, to exercise the two one-year options for an amount of \$12,157,600 for the fourth and fifth years of the contract.

21. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

22. Adjourn

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Tinlin, Board Assistant
VTA Board of Directors