



TRANSIT PLANNING & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 18, 2004

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Transit Planning and Operations (TP&O) Committee was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chairperson Cortese in Room 106E, San Jose City Hall, 801 North First Street, San Jose, California.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

David Cortese, Chairperson
Ron Gonzales
Joe Pirzynski, Vice Chairperson

Members Absent

Pete McHugh

Alternates Present

None

Alternates Absent

Blanca Alvarado
Dolores Sandoval
Ken Yeager

*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 May 20, 2004**

M/S/C (Gonzales/Pirzynski) to approve the Minutes of May 20, 2004.

5. **Minutes of August 19, 2004**

M/S/C (Gonzales/Pirzynski) to approve the Minutes of August 19, 2004.

6. **Minutes of September 16, 2004**

M/S/C (Gonzales/Pirzynski) to approve the Minutes of September 16, 2004.

7. **Minutes of October 21, 2004**

M/S/C (Gonzales/Pirzynski) to approve the Minutes of October 21, 2004.

8. **2005 Transit Planning and Operations Committee Meeting Schedule**

M/S/C (Gonzales/Pirzynski) to approve the 2005 Transit Planning and Operations Committee Meeting Schedule.

9. **Vasona Light Rail Project Completion Contract**

M/S/C (Gonzales/Pirzynski) to approve submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with George Bianchi Construction, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$898,176 for construction of the Vasona Light Rail Project Completion Contract improvements. Additionally, authorize a 25 percent allowance for change order growth, for a total not-to-exceed value of \$1,122,720.

10. **Community Oriented Design Enhancements (CODE) Project for the Santa Clara Caltrain Transit Center**

M/S/C (Gonzales/Pirzynski) to approve submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve artist Dayton Claudio's revised concept proposal for his entry markers CODE project for the Santa Clara Caltrain Transit Center.

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

11. **Community Oriented Design Enhancements (CODE) Project for the San Jose Diridon Station on the Vasona Light Rail Project**

M/S/C (Gonzales/Pirzynski) to approve submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve artist Diana Pumpelly Bates' concept proposal for a shelter canopy glass CODE project on the Vasona Light Rail Project.

12. **Community Oriented Design Enhancements (CODE) Program Update: October through November 2004**

M/S/C (Gonzales/Pirzynski) to receive and file the Community Oriented Design Enhancements (CODE) Program Update: October through November 2004.

13. **Report on the Vasona Light Rail Project for the Month of October 2004**

M/S/C (Gonzales/Pirzynski) to receive and file the Report on the Vasona Light Rail Project for the Month of October 2004.

14. **Joint Powers Board Monthly Status Report**

M/S/C (Gonzales/Pirzynski) to receive and file the Joint Powers Board Monthly Status Report.

15. **Committee for Transit Accessibility Report**

M/S/C (Gonzales/Pirzynski) to receive and file the Committee for Transit Accessibility Report.

16. **Monthly Legislative Reports**

M/S/C (Gonzales/Pirzynski) to receive and file the Monthly Legislative Reports.

REGULAR AGENDA

17. **Vasona Light Rail Project Diridon Water Tower Reinstallation**

Jack J. Collins, Chief Construction Officer, reported that in order for construction of the Vasona light rail to continue without delay, VTA had to remove the Diridon Water Tower and store the water tower offsite. The contract will remove all lead paint remnants and restore and relocate the water tower to a site near the Southern Pacific Depot that retains its historical relationship to the depot.

Mr. Collins reported that VTA bid out the contract and received five bids. He noted that the lowest bidder, D.W. Nicholson, did not meet the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal and was unable to demonstrate a good faith effort to meet the goal. He noted that VTA went to the second low bidder, Anderson Pacific Engineer Construction, Inc., who met the goal of 11 percent and committed to a 14 percent DBE participation on the contract.

Mr. Collins reported that the bid is over VTA's budget, but with the grant received and the 1996 Measure B funding VTA is recommending award to Anderson Pacific Engineer Construction, Inc.

M/S/C (Gonzales/Pirzynski) to approve submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Anderson Pacific Engineering Construction, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount of \$599,300 for construction of the Vasona Light Rail Project Diridon Water Tower Reinstallation. This contract is 64 percent federally funded.

OTHER ITEMS

18. 1996 Measure B Program Transportation Improvement Program (MBTIP) Executive Summary of the Semi-Annual Report for December 2004

Mr. Collins reported that the annual update to the 1996 Measure B Program Transportation Improvement Program Revenue and Expenditure Plan was adopted by the Board of Directors in June 2004. Six months later, the 1996 MBTIP Executive Summary of the Semi-Annual Report is being forwarded to the Board of Directors.

Mr. Collins reported that the good news is that for two quarters, since the annual update to the Revenue and Expenditure Plan was prepared, the sales tax revenue is up some \$17.4 million. VTA is seeing a quarter after quarter trend increase in sales tax revenue.

Mr. Collins referred to the Caltrain Tamien to Lick Double Tracking Project and noted that VTA was concerned that the State was going to rescind the TCRP grant. The State did not pull the plug and has extended the project through June 2005, which increased the forecast collections from the grant by \$5 million. VTA had an additional \$2 million savings on the Tasman East Rail Project resulting from project closeout and there was a \$3.3 million increase in the Highway Program.

Mr. Collins reported that in June 2004, VTA had a program balance of \$8.7 million. VTA now has a program balance of \$29.6 million.

Mr. Collins directed attention to the 1996 MBTIP December 2004 Semi-Annual Report, Page 1-5, Figure 1.1, Measure B Projects Deferred, and provided an overview. He noted that the County of Santa Clara staff will present to the Board of Supervisors in December 2004 its recommendations as to which deferred projects should be moved forward.

M/S/C (Pirzynski/Gonzales) to discuss the 1996 Measure B Program Transportation Improvement Program (MBTIP) Executive Summary of the Semi-Annual Report for December 2004.

19. Valley Transportation Plan 2030 (VTP 2030)

Chris Augenstein, Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the Valley Transportation Plan 2030 (VTP 2030) is a draft document. He noted that the VTP 2030 is the long-range transportation plan for Santa Clara County and an update to VTP 2020 that was adopted in December 2000.

Mr. Augenstein reported that as the Congestion Management Agency (CMA) for Santa Clara County, VTA is required to produce the Plan. The VTP 2030 feeds into the Regional Transportation Plan, which is scheduled for adoption by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) in 2005. Both VTA and MTC track on a three-to-four year update cycle. VTA will be revisiting the Plan again in the 2007-2008 timeframe.

Mr. Augenstein reported that the VTP 2030 is a plan intended to provide an overall planning framework for developing and delivering transportation projects and programs over the 25-year life of the Plan. It outlines projects and programs targeted for implementation within that 25-year timeframe and also identifies sources of funding and amounts on the funds that VTA reasonably expects to be available during the timeframe of the Plan. What the Plan is not is a programming document. It does not set project priorities nor implementation schedules for the projects contained in the Plan.

Mr. Augenstein again reported that VTP 2030 is an update to VTP 2020. He noted that in VTP 2020 there were a number of projects and programs that were called for to be developed as part of that Plan. During the four years from the adoption of VTP 2020 and now, VTA has conducted a number of those studies, such as corridor and gateway studies. VTA has implemented a number of programs, including VTA's Land Use Program and Community Design and Transportation Program. All of the studies and programs have fed into the development of VTP 2030.

Mr. Augenstein reported that the VTP 2030 was presented at the VTA Board of Directors' Workshop Meeting in January 2004. At the Workshop Meeting, VTA presented staff's first cut at the project list for the ten program areas and allocation amounts for the ten program areas based on MTC fund estimates and the current sales tax projections at that time. Mr. Augenstein noted the following ten program areas: Highway/Freeway, Expressway, Local Streets and County Roads, Transit, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)/Transportation Systems Operations and Management (SOM), Soundwalls, Pavement Management, Bicycle Projects, Landscape Restoration and Graffiti Removal, and Livable Communities and Pedestrians.

Mr. Augenstein reported in April 2004 the Board of Directors adopted the project list and program area allocations contained in the Plan. Since the action in April 2004, VTA has worked with MTC to make sure that those projects and programs are included in the RTP. VTA has also been developing a new VTP 2030 transportation demand model.

Mr. Augenstein reported that VTA has taken the Plan through the VTA Committees and anticipates Board action to adopt the Plan at the December 9, 2004 Board of Directors' Meeting. The Plan has been placed on VTA's website.

Vice Chairperson Pirzynski expressed concern regarding the revised project prioritization process discussed by the Board of Directors at the November 5, 2004 Board of Directors' Workshop Meeting.

Member Gonzales expressed concern regarding the nature and role of the Board Workshop Meetings.

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee reviewed and commented on adopting the Valley Transportation Plan 2030 (VTP 2030) as Santa Clara County's long-range countywide transportation plan.

The Agenda was taken out of order.

18. 1996 Measure B Program Transportation Improvement Program (MBTIP) Executive Summary of the Semi-Annual Report for December 2004 (continued)

Member Gonzales referred to the sales tax projections and queried if VTA is looking at any new projections or waiting to have "X" number of quarters before going back and saying things are getting better. Mr. Collins noted that for the purposes of developing a draft Expenditure Plan for the Measure A Program, VTA will continue to be assisted by the Center for Continuing Study of the California Economy (Stephen Levy) in the development of sales tax projections. He noted the draft Expenditure Plan will be similar to the Measure B plan where VTA would update it on an annual basis and reflect the most recent sales tax information and do another forecast, probably on an annual basis.

Member Gonzales noted these times call for more regularly updated projections than 12 months. He noted if staff is working toward completion of an expenditure plan and an implementation of a spending strategy, and ultimately potentially going back to the voters in 2006, these checkpoints need to be done more frequently than 12 months.

Vice Chairperson Pirzynski noted that a year out means there is a year for people to work on old data versus a quarterly uptick where the progress can be seen and actually envision the ability to move some new projects back on the table.

Member Gonzales requested that staff prepare a report to the Board of Directors, as part of the item, containing data information on the quarters showing sales tax recovery.

Mr. Collins noted that the item went to the Administration and Finance (A&F) Committee as an action item and that A&F placed the item on the December 9, 2004 Board of Directors' Consent Agenda. TP&O recommended that the item be placed on the Regular Agenda.

Chairperson Cortese clarified for the record that this discussion pertained to Agenda Item #18. The Committee concurred.

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee discussed the 1996 Measure B Program Transportation Improvement Program (MBTIP) Executive Summary of the Semi-Annual Report for December 2004.

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee recommended the 1996 Measure B Program Transportation Improvement Program (MBTIP) Executive Summary of the Semi-Annual Report for December 2004 be placed on the December 9, 2004 Board of Directors' Regular Agenda.

20. Committee Work Plan

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

21. Committee Staff Report

There was no Committee Staff Report.

22. Chairperson's Report

There was no Chairperson's Report.

23. Determine the Consent Agenda for the December 9, 2004 Board Meeting

CONSENT: Item #9. Authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with George Bianchi Construction, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$898,176 for construction of the Vasona Light Rail Project Completion Contract improvements. Additionally, authorize a 25 percent allowance for change order growth, for a total not-to-exceed value of \$1,122,720; **Item #10.** Approve artist Dayton Claudio's revised concept proposal for his entry markers CODE project for the Santa Clara Caltrain Transit Center; **Item #11.** Approve artist Diana Pumpelly Bates' concept proposal for a shelter canopy glass CODE project on the Vasona Light Rail Project; and **Item #17.** Authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Anderson Pacific Engineering Construction, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount of \$599,300 for construction of the Vasona Light Rail Project Diridon Water Tower Reinstallation. This contract is 64 percent federally funded.

REGULAR: Item #18. Discuss the 1996 Measure B Program Transportation Improvement Program (MBTIP) Executive Summary of the Semi-Annual Report for December 2004.

24. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

25. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracene Y. Crenshaw, Board Assistant
VTA Board of Directors