



TRANSIT PLANNING & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 19, 2005

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Transit Planning and Operations (TP&O) Committee was called to order at 4:33 p.m. by Chairperson Cortese in Room 106-E, 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

Bob Livengood

Alternates Present

None

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Dennis Kennedy
Dolores Sandoval
Ken Yeager

*Alternates do not serve unless participating as a Member.

A quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Barbara Rhodes, Interested Citizen, expressed appreciation to the Committee Members for addressing the concerns of the Committee for Transit Accessibility.

3. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Orders of the Day.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Rhodes requested that the following items be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda: Item #9. Receive and file the Community Oriented Design Enhancements (CODE) Program Update: April through May 2005 and Item #12. Receive and file the Committee for Transit Accessibility Report.

M/S/C (Gonzales/Pirzynski) to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended.

4. Minutes of April 21, 2005

M/S/C (Gonzales/Pirzynski) to approve the Minutes of April 21, 2005.

5. Vasona Light Rail Project Amendment to the Winchester Park and Ride, Campbell Parking Lot and Sunol/Auzerais Signal Crossing Improvements Construction Contract

M/S/C (Gonzales/Pirzynski) to approve submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to authorize the General Manager to amend the total authorized budget for the Golden Bay Construction, Inc. civil construction contract for Winchester Park and Ride and Campbell Parking Lot Improvements by an amount of \$200,000, to accommodate unforeseen conditions, for a new authorized amount of \$2,907,314. This contract is one percent federally funded.

6. Measure B Rail Projects-Transfer of Parcels and Easements

M/S/C (Gonzales/Pirzynski) to approve submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to authorize the General Manager to execute grants of fee parcels, Public Service Easements (PSE) and easements for parcels at no cost to the City of San Jose, City of Campbell, Caltrans, Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD), Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (PCJPB) and various utility companies.

7. Re-Roofing Buildings A and C at River Oaks

M/S/C (Gonzales/Pirzynski) to approve submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to authorize the General Manager to award a contract to Andy's Roofing, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for re-roofing Buildings A and C at the River Oaks facility for \$557,888.

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

8. Altamont Express, FY 2005-06 and FY 2006-07 Budget Allocations

M/S/C (**Gonzales/Pirzynski**) to review VTA funding of Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) commuter rail service in the amount of \$3.6 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-06 and \$3.705 million in FY 2006-07.

9. (Removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.)

Receive and file the Community Oriented Design Enhancements (CODE) Program Update: April through May 2005.

10. Report on the Vasona Light Rail Project for the Month of April 2005

M/S/C (**Gonzales/Pirzynski**) to receive and file the Report on the Vasona Light Rail Project for the Month of April 2005.

11. Joint Powers Board Monthly Status Report

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

12. (Removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.)

Receive and file the Committee for Transit Accessibility Report.

13. Monthly Legislative Report for April 2005

M/S/C (**Gonzales/Pirzynski**) to receive and file the Monthly Legislative Report for April 2005.

REGULAR AGENDA

The Agenda was taken out of order

9. Community Oriented Design Enhancements Program Update: April through May 2005

Ms. Rhodes expressed concern regarding the Community Oriented Design Enhancements (CODE) Program Funding Update April through May 2005. Ms. Rhodes requested VTA withhold funds for Community Oriented Design Enhancement Programs.

M/S/C (**Gonzales/Pirzynski**) to receive and file the Community Oriented Design Enhancements (CODE) Program Update: April through May 2005.

12. Committee for Transit Accessibility Report

Ms. Rhodes encouraged the VTA Board of Directors to consider terminating the contract with Orthopedic Hospital and NovaCare.

The Committee thanked Ms. Rhodes for her comments however, this item was not on the Agenda therefore discussion would not be entertained.

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

14. Service Management Plan, Fiscal Years 2006/2007

M/S/C (Gonzales/Pirzynski) to approve submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to adopt the FY 2006/2007 Service Management Plan recommendations and a resolution approving a conforming change to the tariff relating to Paratransit fares.

OTHER ITEMS

15. Caltrain FY 2005-06 and FY 2006-07 Operating and Capital Budget

Frank Sharpless, State and Regional Government Affairs Manager, discussed the allocation of \$14,819,000 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-06 and \$15,263,000 for FY 2006-07 to provide VTA's share of Caltrain operating support; and \$2.66 million for FY 2005-2006 and \$2.18 million for FY 2006-07 as VTA's share of the local matching funds required for Caltrain's Capital Budgets for these two fiscal years.

Member Pirzynski inquired as to the future status of the College Park Station and the continuance of service at that Caltrain location. Mr. Sharpless replied that prior to the service changes going into effect August 2005 VTA has requested Caltrain to supply benchmarks for each month of the coming fiscal year due to the fact that their expenditure projections are based on a certain increment of ridership and revenues. They have provided a list of potential service cuts that could be made. Reductions in service that may arise would be non-peak weekday frequencies, and weekend service.

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee discussed the Caltrain FY 2005-06 and FY 2006-07 Operating and Capital Budget.

16. Recommended Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007

Roger Contreras, Chief Financial Officer, gave a brief overview of the Recommended Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007. Mr. Contreras stated that this is the last of the public meetings prior to the Recommended Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007 being submitted to the VTA Board of Directors at the June 2, 2005 meeting.

Mr. Contreras provided a brief update regarding increases to the following: diesel fuel budget and Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Pension. Mr. Contreras noted that

following the workshop, four community meetings were held in Milpitas, Gilroy, San Jose and Palo Alto. On May 11th and 12th, the recommended budget was presented at the Advisory Committee Meetings. Mr. Contreras noted that the price per gallon of fuel in Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 will increase by 5 cents. In FY 2007 the price of diesel fuel per gallon is projected to cost \$2.00 per gallon.

Analysis of actual Wage & Benefit estimates, reflect the facilitation of a minor change between the two fiscal years, resulting in the transferring of \$1.0 million from FY2006 to FY2007. The actuarial valuation of the VTA ATU pension Plan has been received by VTA and the report reflects the need to increase the recommended contribution of \$750,000 in each of the two fiscal years.

Ms. Rhodes requested that Outreach be able to purchase gasoline for its vehicles at the same price that VTA pays. Matthew O. Tucker, Chief Operating Officer, responded to the Committee that Outreach purchases gasoline for their vehicles whereas VTA fuel costs mentioned in the budget refer to diesel fuel costs. Mr. Tucker further stated that these requests will be taken under consideration. Mr. Tucker added that at contract negotiations with Outreach the fuel issue will be addressed.

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee reviewed and commented on the Recommended Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007.

17. Draft 1996 Measure B Program Revenue and Expenditure Plan for FY 2006

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee received and filed the Draft 1996 Measure B Program Revenue and Expenditure Plan for FY 2006.

18. Committee Work Plan

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

19. Committee Staff Report

There was no Committee Staff Report.

20. Chairperson's Report

There was no Chairperson's Report.

21. Determine the Consent Agenda for the June 2, 2005 Board Meeting

CONSENT: Agenda Item #5. Authorize the General Manager to amend the total authorized budget for the Golden Bay Construction, Inc. civil construction contract for Winchester Park and Ride and Campbell Parking Lot Improvements by an amount of \$200,000, to accommodate unforeseen conditions, for a new authorized amount of

\$2,907,314. This contract is one percent federally funded; **Agenda Item #6.** Authorize the General Manager to execute grants of fee parcels, Public Service Easements (PSE) and easements for parcels at no cost to the City of San Jose, City of Campbell, Caltrans, Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD), Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (PCJPB) and various utility companies; **Agenda Item #7.** Authorize the General Manager to award a contract to Andy's Roofing, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for re-roofing Buildings A and C at the River Oaks facility for \$557,888; and **Agenda Item #8.** Review VTA funding of Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) commuter rail service in the amount of \$3.6 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-06 and \$3.705 million in FY 2006-07.

REGULAR: Agenda Item #14. Adopt the FY 2006/2007 Service Management Plan recommendations and a resolution approving a conforming change to the tariff relating to Paratransit fares.

22. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

23. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline F. Golzio, Board Assistant
VTA Board of Directors