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 ACTION X DISCUSSION INFO

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Administration and Finance Committee
 Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
 Board of Directors

THROUGH: Michael T. Burns
 General Manager

FROM: Jim Lawson
 Government Affairs Manager

SUBJECT: BART Warm Springs Extension Policy Advisory Committee Appointment

RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint VTA Board ex-officio member John McLemore to the BART Warm Springs Extension Project Policy Advisory Committee to represent VTA.

BACKGROUND:

The Warm Springs Extension (WSX) Project is a 5.4-mile extension of the existing San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) line from its current terminus at the Fremont Station in the northern part of the city of Fremont to the Warm Springs district in southern Fremont. It is currently funded by the 2000 Measure B passed by Alameda County voters in 2000. Constructing the WSX is a necessary link for building the Silicon Valley Rapid Transit (SVRT) extension of BART from southern Fremont into Santa Clara County.

Recognizing that the Measure B funding alone will not be able to deliver the WSX as promised to Alameda County voters, the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) Board recently approved creation of a Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) to advocate the need for adequate and reliable funding from other sources to successfully deliver the project.

The Warm Springs Extension Project PAC will be comprised of one representative each from each of the following agencies:

- ACTIA
- Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA)
- BART
- City of Fremont
- Metropolitan Transportation Commission representing Alameda County or cities
- VTA

The ACTIA Board has specified that each agency would appoint its own representative. The first meeting of the WSX PAC is projected for May 2006.

DISCUSSION:

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors appoint VTA Board ex-officio member John McLemore to the Warm Springs Extension Project PAC to represent VTA. Mr. McLemore recently served on the VTA Board as a member and currently serves as an ex-officio member representing the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), presently serves on the MTC Board, and previously served on the Santa Clara city council. Due to the combination of his qualifications, experience and knowledge, it is felt that Mr. McLemore will vigorously represent VTA's interests, positions and long-term vision on this committee.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose to appoint another representative to this committee.