

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 6, 2008

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's (VTA) Board of Directors was called to order by Chairperson Kniss at 5:44 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose, California.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present

Dean J. Chu, Ex-Officio
Yoriko Kishimoto
Liz Kniss, Chairperson
Sam Liccardo
Nancy Pyle
Chuck Reed
Greg Sellers
Forrest Williams
Ken Yeager, Ex-Officio

Members Absent

Nora Campos
David Casas
Dominic Caserta
Don Gage
Dolly Sandoval, Vice Chairperson

Alternates Present

Kathleen King
Bob Livengood
Pete McHugh
Chris Moylan

Alternates Absent

Dave Cortese

* Alternates do not serve unless participating as a Member.

A quorum was present.

2. ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION at 5:44 p.m.

- A. Conference with Labor Negotiators
[Government Code Section 54957.6]

VTA Designated Representatives:

Joseph Smith, Chief Financial Officer
Bill Lopez, Chief Administrative Officer
Robert Escobar, Manager, Office of Employee Relations

Employee Organization:

Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU)

- B. Conference with Labor Negotiators:
[Government Code Section 54957.6]

Unrepresented Employee:
General Counsel

VTA Negotiators:
Don Gage, Board Member
Liz Kniss, Board Member

Alternate Board Member Livengood arrived at the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION at 6:09 p.m.

3. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

- A. Conference with Labor Negotiators
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There was no reportable action taken during Closed Session.

- B. Conference with Labor Negotiators:
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There was no reportable action taken during Closed Session.

4. (Removed from the Agenda)

Authorize the General Manager to approve the terms and conditions of a labor agreement between VTA and the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 265.

5. Negotiated Compensation Recommendation for General Counsel

M/S/C (McHugh/Reed) to approve the recommendation of the Board Negotiating Committee to increase the General Counsel's salary from \$180,079 to \$198,000, effective July 1, 2007.

6. ORDERS OF THE DAY

Chairperson Kniss noted staff's request to defer the following items to the April 3, 2008 Board of Directors Regular Meeting: **Agenda Item #7.C.** Adopt Resolution of Commendation for Outgoing Alternate Board Member Kansen Chu; and **Agenda Item #18.**, Hearings - Notices of Intention to Adopt Resolutions of Necessity - Close Hearings and adopt Resolutions of Necessity determining that the public interest and necessity require the acquisition of property interests from three parcels for the Freight Railroad Relocation Project, as follows:

Property ID/Assessor's Parcel Number/Owner:
B2019-01, -02, -03 (APN 022-31-028) owned by Brian E. Horner

Property ID/Assessor's Parcel Number/Owner
B2605-02, -03 (APN 519-1010-073-01) owned by AMB-SGP CIF-California, LLC

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B2603 -01 (APN022-31-000) owned by Heirs or Devises of Abraham Weller

Chairperson Kniss also noted that the Board of Directors will consider the following agenda items as a single item because they are related to the development of the Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2035 Update: **Agenda Item #25.**, Approve the VTP 2035 Project lists for submittal to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC); **Agenda Item #26.**, Review Fund Estimates for Valley Transportation Plan and Regional Transportation Plan; and **Agenda Item #27.**, Review MTC Transportation 2035 (T2035) – Proposed Vision Policy Strategies.

M/S/C (Williams/Reed) to accept Orders of the Day.

On General Consensus, there being no objection, the Board of Directors appointed Alternate Board Member King as Vice Chairperson Pro Tem.

7. AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS

A. Employees of the Month for March 2008

Chairperson Kniss recognized and presented awards to Jing Quan, Associate Architect, River Oaks Administration; Susan Yates, Coach Operator, Chaboya Division; and Marius Tapiador, Transit Mechanic, North Division, as Employees of the Month for March 2008.

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

B. Employees of the Year for 2007

Chairperson Kniss recognized and presented awards to Kermit Cuff, Transit Service Development Specialist III, River Oaks Administration; Angela Snell, Coach Operator, Cerone Division; and Steve Maloon, Transit Mechanic-Hydrogen, Cerone Division, as Employees of the Year for 2007; and Steve Rogers, Maintenance Supervisor, Cerone Division, as 2007 Supervisor of the Year.

C. (Deferred to the April 3, 2007 Board Meeting)

Adopt Resolution of Commendation for Outgoing Alternate Board Member Kansen Chu.

8. REPORT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Michael T. Burns, General Manager, provided a report noting the following:

- Thanked the Board of Directors for attending the March 6, 2008 Financial Management Update Meeting;
- Overall ridership increased 2.8 percent, representing a 1.9 and 6.7 percent ridership increase respectively for bus and light rail. The increase in light rail ridership could be attributed to the continued fuel price increase.
- He provided an update on the south line Light Rail Platform Retrofit project noting the following: Phase 1 commenced on February 4, 2008 at the southbound Tamien Station and construction of the northbound side will begin on March 17, 2008; Phase 2 began on February 25, 2008 at Children's Discovery and Virginia Stations; Phases 1 and 2 is expected to be completed one-month ahead of schedule on April 11, 2008; Phase 3 (Curtner and Capitol Stations) will begin on March 14, 2008.
- He noted marketing initiatives to promote new Bus Routes 181 and 168, which includes a total of 76,000 mailers to residents and businesses along the corridor, coupon for free rides, and promotions by media, e-mail campaign, radio, display ads and internet.
- Zero Emission Buses (ZEB) discussions will continue at the Transit Planning and Operations (TP&O) Committee and the Board of Directors will determine the ZEB next steps.
- Translink, the universal fare system project managed by the MTC is facing major challenges as the selected contractor is facing financial difficulty. The MTC is currently evaluating the situation and examining options to ensure the completion of the project. However, there is no final implementation date until San Francisco Muni and BART come online. He noted that VTA's concern is the security of its farebox revenues and added that VTA will carefully review the experience of the other operators before connecting to the system. The Board will be briefed on projects related to Translink next month such as the new fareboxes.

- Mr. Burns announced resignation of Maria Marinos, Board Secretary. He thanked Ms. Marinos for her dedicated service to VTA as Senior Transportation Planner and Board Secretary. He noted Ms. Marinos' accomplishments including the advancement of the Board and Committee Agenda Management System.

Margaret Okuzumi, BayRail Alliance, referred to VTA's ZEB Program and noted that VTA should examine AC Transit's Fuel-Cell Bus Program.

9. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson Kniss announced that Board Member Gage agreed to serve as the Chair for the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee is formed based on the recommendations of the Hay Group. This committee will assist the Board in fulfilling its fiduciary responsibilities and will strengthen the Board's independent oversight of VTA's finances and operations.

10. Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Chairperson's Report

Chris Moylan, Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Chairperson, provided a report regarding the PAC Meeting on February 14, 2008 highlighting the following: 1) The PAC reviewed the project list and fund estimates for VTP 2035; 2) The PAC received a quarterly report from VTA Board of Directors Chairperson Kniss; 3) The PAC debated on the format of minutes and noted that the Committee preferred detailed minutes versus action minutes; 4) VTA Governance Issues will be discussed at the March 2008 PAC meeting and the Committee will forward any recommendations to the Board.

Eugene Bradley, SCVTA Riders Union, presented a proposal regarding Sunshine Laws for VTA, which includes: all public meetings should be advertised at least 10 days in advance; and all e-mails from VTA Board Members and Management should be made public.

Mr. Burns referred to Mr. Bradley's comments and advised that VTA began posting communications between VTA staff and the Board of Directors on the VTA website two weeks ago and are available for public view.

CONSENT AGENDA

11. Meeting Record of the Board of Directors Summit of February 1, 2008

M/S/C (Pyle/McHugh) to receive and file the Meeting Record of the Board of Directors Summit of February 1, 2008.

12. Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors' Meeting of February 7, 2008

M/S/C (Pyle/McHugh) to approve the Revised Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors' Meeting of February 7, 2008.

13. **Programmed Projects Quarterly Monitoring Report for October - December 2007**

M/S/C (Pyle/McHugh) to receive the Programmed Projects Quarterly Monitoring Report for October - December 2007.

14. **Contract Amendment with Nolte Associates to Prepare a Project Study Report for State Route 85/State Route 237/El Camino Real and Middlefield Road Interchange Area**

M/S/C (Pyle/McHugh) to authorize the General Manager to: 1) amend the contract with Nolte Associates to prepare a Project Study Report (PSR) for the State Route 85/State Route 237/El Camino Real and Middlefield Road Interchange Areas; increasing the approved contract value by \$170,064 for a new total contract value of \$645,169; and 2) extend the term of the contract through March 2009.

15. **Freight Rail Relocation Project Construction Management Services Contract**

M/S/C (Pyle/McHugh) to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with URS Corporation for Construction Management Services on the Freight Rail Relocation Project in the amount of \$1,500,000. The term of the contract will be for one year and extend through February 2009, with options for three one-year extensions.

16. **Freight Rail Relocation Project Santa Clara Valley Water District Cooperative Agreement**

M/S/C (Pyle/McHugh) to authorize the General Manager to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the Santa Clara Valley Water District for the combined construction of the Lower Berryessa Creek Flood Protection and Freight Rail Relocation Project improvements in an amount of \$17,000,000.

17. **2000 Measure A Transit Improvement Program Semi-Annual Report – December 2007**

M/S/C (Pyle/McHugh) to receive the 2000 Measure A Transit Improvement Program Semi-Annual Report – December 2007.

REGULAR AGENDA

18. (Deferred to the April 3, 2007 Board Meeting)

Hearings - Notices of Intention to Adopt Resolutions of Necessity

Adopt Resolutions of Necessity determining that the public interest and necessity require the acquisition of property interests from three parcels for the Freight Railroad Relocation Project, as follows:

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19. Fiscal Year 2008 Quarterly Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending December 31, 2007

Carol Lawson, Fiscal Resources Manager, discussed the trends for fiscal year-to-date revenues and expenses and noted the factors and variances that drive these trends. She stated that throughout the second quarter, overall revenues trailed projections by \$600,000 while expenses were \$16.7 million below estimates for a total variance of revenues over expenses of \$16.1 million. She noted that staff expects the actual revenues over expenses will more closely reflect the budgeted operating surplus as the year progresses, especially with the potential lesser sales tax receipts and volatility of fuel.

Upon inquiry of Board Member Liccardo, Mr. Burns replied that VTA is monitoring the sales tax revenues and fuel costs. He added that VTA will consider those factors and will be cautious on how it proceeds on filling staff vacancies and employing consultants.

Board Member Williams inquired about the timeliness of distribution of funds from the State to VTA. Ms. Lawson responded that the funds are distributed as scheduled by the State and added that the final close-out payment for the quarter has about a two and a half month lag. Mr. Burns added that VTA expects that the sales tax figures from the State may be less than anticipated.

M/SC (McHugh/Williams) to review and accept the Fiscal Year 2008 Quarterly Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the period ending December 31, 2007.

20. Fiscal Year 2007 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority and the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Pension Plan Report

Leonard Dana, Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP (VTD), reported that VTD rendered an unqualified opinion for VTA's financial statements (CAFR) and the ATU Pension Plan Report.

Board Member Liccardo inquired about the rationale for creating a Debt Reduction Plan. Mr. Burns noted that the Debt Reduction Plan was established to prevent additional financing (i.e. issuance of bonds), should there be a need for more funding for approved projects. He added that at the time the fund was established, VTA was gaining more interest in the fund compared to what VTA is paying for the bonds. VTA is carefully monitoring current market and its potential impact to both the fund and bonds.

Eugene Bradley, SCVTA Riders Union, inquired if the audit report addresses the \$200 million unfunded retiree pension that the Hay Group Audit identified. Mr. Burns replied yes.

M/S/C (Pyle/Reed) to review and accept the audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority and the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Pension Plan Report for Fiscal Year 2007.

21. Support Position for AB 1221 (Ma)

Kurt Evans, Government Affairs Manager, reviewed the AB 1221 (Ma) Transit Village Developments: Tax Increment Financing. He discussed the key points of interest, including: boundaries of transit village development district are consistent with the requirements of the Transit Village Planning Act of 1994; revenues generated by tax increment financing may go to infrastructure improvements that support the development within the designated transit village development district; obtain concurrence of the transit operator whose rail stations or transit hub is the subject of the transit village development and tax increment financing; and property tax revenues diversion must be approved by the affected jurisdiction and those that are for schools cannot be diverted. Mr. Evans noted that staff is recommending support for this bill because it supports transit-oriented development and provides possible funding stream to support the development.

M/S/C (Williams/Kishimoto) to adopt a support position for AB 1221 (Ma), which allows local officials to divert property tax increment revenues to pay for new bonds for infrastructure within transit village development districts.

22. Support Position for AB 387 (Duvall)

Mr. Evans stated that AB 387 (Duvall) sponsored by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) eliminates the current law, which states that design build contracting cannot be used for capital non-rail projects costing less than \$2.5 million, thus providing more flexibility of transit operators. Mr. Evans noted that is sponsoring this bill.

M/S/C (Pyle/Kishimoto) to adopt a support position for AB 387 (Duvall), which expands existing design-build authority for public transit agencies by allowing them to use this method of procurement for technology or surveillance projects designed to enhance transit safety, disaster preparedness or homeland security efforts.

Alternate Board Member King left her seat at 7:07 p.m.

23. CALNET II Agreement for Voice and Data Services

Bill Lopez, Chief Administrative Officer, noted that the agreement will result in lower rates for voice and data services, from which VTA expects to save seven percent based on current usage. The agreement will be five years with two options for one-year extensions.

M/S/C (Williams/Pyle) to authorize the General Manager to execute the CALNET II Agreement with AT&T to take advantage of the favorable pricing that the State of California has negotiated for voice and data services (a variety of telephone, internet, and intranet services). Over the length of the five year agreement, along with options for two one-year extensions, it is estimated that the VTA would expend \$3 million for these services. The cost and services covered in this contract were approved in the Fiscal Year 2008 and 2009 adopted budgets.

Alternate Board Member King took her seat at 7:10 p.m.

24. Technology General Consulting Services – Increase in Contract Authority

Mr. Lopez noted that the 16 consultants on the list were selected through a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process in 2005. Mr. Lopez reviewed the need for the increased authorization, which includes: maintenance of project progress, completion of existing projects; begin new projects; and maintenance of adequate capacity to respond to emergencies and provide business continuity or disaster recovery.

Board Member Williams requested that staff prepare an annual report regarding the benefits of utilizing the technology consultants noted on the staff report.

Board Member Kishimoto inquired if VTA plans to implement a program similar to City of Palo Alto's "Reverse 911" Program where customers can subscribe for instant updates. Mr. Lopez responded that the Dynamic Passenger Information (DPI) Project has the same functionality. The Board will be provided with a project update including other elements of Smart Transit in the future.

M/S/C (Pyle/Kishimoto) to authorize the General Manager to increase the contract authority for technology general consulting services by the amount of \$3.2 million for a new total contract authority of \$9.6 million. This additional contract authority is within the Biennial FY08 and FY09 approved budgets for the purpose of implementing approved projects, such as the SAP Software Upgrade, VTA Property Acquisition Tracking System, VTA Customer Mailing Information, Trapeze Comprehensive Analysis, Server Replacement, Core Switch Upgrade, and the EDMS Study.

Additionally, the Congestion Management Agency (CMA) is using this contract authority for its Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) related projects such as Signal Priority and Ramp Metering.

Agenda Items #25 through #27 were taken as a single item.

- 25. VTP 2035 – Project List Submittal to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)**
- 26. Fund Estimates for Valley Transportation Plan and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)**
- 27. MTC Transportation 2035 (T2035) – Proposed Vision Policy Strategies**

John H. Ristow, Chief CMA Officer, introduced the items noting that Agenda Item #25 is an action item that approves a series of project lists for submittal to MTC consideration of inclusion to MTC's RTP. Agenda Item #26 is focused on the revenue estimates VTA obtained from MTC, which are based on the Bay Area estimates of all the reasonably expected revenue sources over the next 25 years. VTA staff used this figure as a basis for the allocation amounts for the different project lists in the programmatic areas. Agenda Item #27 is also an informational item that discusses the strategic policies that are currently being considered at the MTC level.

Chris Augenstein, CMA Deputy Director, noted the items placed on the dais: Unconstrained and Constrained project lists, summary of public outreach conducted, and errata sheet of changes. Mr. Augenstein noted that MTC gave a shorter time frame to do the whole process compared to the previous years. He reviewed the project list development process, program areas, and programmatic areas.

Mr. Augenstein discussed the VTP 2035 project unconstrained and constrained list program areas including: Transit, Highways, Expressways, Local Streets/County Road. He also discussed the total project amount submissions and the proposed allocations for the following programmatic areas of VTP 2035: Pavement Management, Local Transportation Projects and Enhancements, Transportation Systems Operations Management (ITS), Bicycle, Community Design & Transportation (CDT), Soundwalls (Noise Mitigation, and Graffiti Removal and Landscaping. He also discussed the project list errata sheet noting the changes to the Highway; constrained lists for the Local Streets and Roads in the Cities of San Jose, Palo Alto, and Gilroy; and the summary of program area allocations.

Mr. Augenstein discussed the next steps highlighting that the VTA Board will revisit the plan in June 2008 and MTC will take action on the final RTP list in July 2008. Mr. Augenstein reviewed the staff recommended actions for the Board to take, including: approve draft financially constrained lists for transit, highways, expressways, and Local Streets and County Roads (LSCR) for submittal to Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC); approve proposed programmatic allocations for submittal to MTC; and approve errata sheet edits.

Upon inquiry of Board Member Williams, Mr. Ristow explained that the project list contains existing projects from the VTP 2030 plan and new projects which went through prioritization on Member Agency and VTA staff-level. Committed projects such as the VTA Transit Operating and Maintenance costs and needs are not included.

Board Member Kishimoto thanked staff for their diligent work on VTP 2035. She suggested conducting more public outreach process for the VTP 2035. She noted that it creates frustration to see a list of projects without clear understanding of the goals and further noted that projects should be aligned with the set goals. Mr. Ristow responded that the timeline was directed by MTC, however, VTA discussions about priority and goal settings will occur within the next six months. He clarified that the VTP 2035 is only a planning document that aligns projects with revenues.

Mr. Ristow reviewed Agenda Item #26 including the potential sources of funding such as the New local fund source ¼ cent equivalent, HOT Lane revenues, Joint Development Revenue, and New Regional Unspecified revenues. Mr. Ristow highlighted that VTA will propose that MTC consider the Joint Development as a source of revenue, assume 25 percent of the new regional unspecified revenues, and claim HOT Lane revenues within Santa Clara County.

Board Member Liccardo noted the need for flexibility for the percentage of share for Santa Clara County as it is expected that most of the population growth will be in the area. Mr. Ristow responded that the percentage noted is based on 2008 dollars and may be adjusted four to five years from now, when the plan is updated.

Ex-Officio Board Member Yeager expressed support for the process and the strategy for getting Santa Clara County's fair share of the region's revenues.

Ex-Officio Board Member Chu noted that MTC Commissioners set broad guidelines in recognizing revenue sources and VTA's methodology is consistent with MTC's.

Upon inquiry of Board Member Reed, Mr. Ristow explained that the Local Transportation Fees noted in the attachment are the actual development impact fees in North San Jose Area. These revenues were assigned by timeframe to the type of projects that the City of San Jose staff noted as "in the plan."

Mr. Ristow reviewed the MTC T2035 Proposed Vision Policy Strategies and discussed each of the five main policy areas: Investments, Pricing, Focused Growth, Technology, and Individual Actions. VTA is particularly interested in seeing ample emphasis and giving priority to both transit and maintenance of roadway systems while making strategic investments and expansion. Mr. Ristow assured that VTA will provide additional comments regarding these strategies to MTC staff.

Alternate Board Member Moylan expressed support for pricing parking. He also commented that VTA should craft policies pertaining to metering lights in the future to ensure that the public does not get mixed messages.

Board Member Kishimoto stressed the need for VTA to diversify its revenues through indirect fees, development impact fees, and congestion pricing. London, for example, is very successful in obtaining revenues from congestion pricing. Moreover, congestion pricing improves the environment and motivates people to use public transit.

Board Member Sellers noted that it is imperative to implement congestion pricing to be able to reduce congestion, spread out commute hours, and reduce the greenhouse emission levels.

Ed Rast, Willow Glen Neighborhood Association, noted the need for a comprehensive and well financed public transportation system for Santa Clara County. He noted that the increased congestion brought by the ineffective public transportation reduces the quality of life. Mr. Rast noted that VTA and MTC need to examine how to finance a comprehensive in-county transit as it will benefit the entire region.

Michael Ludwig, Interested Citizen, commented that the VTP 2035 should include a bus expansion plan for the future. He referred to the bicycle projects noted in VTP 2035 and noted that open-house session comments should be forwarded to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) for consideration in the prioritization process.

Eugene Bradley, SCVTA Riders Union, also advocated for the inclusion of bus expansion in VTP 2035. He expressed concern about BART Extension Project costs discrepancy between the VTA website and the information presented at the VTP 2035 open house. He further expressed concern about the lack of an alternative plan for the VTP 2035 financial estimates.

Margaret Okuzumi, BayRail Alliance, expressed support for Caltrain Electrification Project. She expressed concern about the following: 1) The VTA Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) was not given the opportunity to review the VTP 2035; 2) Attachment A, "Measure A Operating" should be further defined; and 3) High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lane Revenues listed in the Plan is "very optimistic" and the basis for the estimate should be defined.

M/S/C (Reed/Pyle) to approve draft financially constrained lists for transit, highways, expressways, expressways and Local Streets and County Roads (LSCR) for submittal to Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC); Approve proposed programmatic allocations for submittal to MTC; and approve errata sheet edits.

On order of Chairperson Kniss, there being no objection, the Board of Directors reviewed the Fund Estimates for Valley Transportation Plan and Regional Transportation Plan.

On order of Chairperson Kniss, there being no objection, the Board of Directors reviewed the MTC Transportation 2035 (T2035) – Proposed Vision Policy Strategies.

OTHER ITEMS

28. ITEMS OF CONCERN AND REFERRAL TO ADMINISTRATION

Board Member Reed directed staff to look into the public request regarding open government issues.

Board Member Kishimoto requested that Public Presentations be moved back at the beginning of the Board Agenda. She referred to Sunshine Laws issue and inquired about VTA's plan to have live cable casts of its meetings.

29. Monthly Legislative History Matrix

On order of Chairperson Kniss, there being no objection, the Monthly Legislative History Matrix was accepted as contained in the Agenda packet.

30. SUMMARY MINUTES FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Administration and Finance Committee

On order of Chairperson Kniss, there being no objection, the February 21, 2008 Minutes were accepted as contained in the Agenda packet.

B. Congestion Management Program and Planning

On order of Chairperson Kniss, there being no objection, the February 21, 2008 Minutes were accepted as contained in the Agenda packet.

C. Transit Planning and Operations Committee

On order of Chairperson Kniss, there being no objection, the February 21, 2008 Minutes were accepted as contained in the Agenda packet.

31. REPORTS (UNAPPROVED MINUTES) FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

A. Committee for Transit Accessibility (CTA)

On order of Chairperson Kniss, there being no objection, the February 13, 2008 Minutes were accepted as contained in the Agenda packet.

B. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC)

On order of Chairperson Kniss, there being no objection, the February 13, 2008 Minutes were accepted as contained in the Agenda packet.

C. Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

On order of Chairperson Kniss, there being no objection, the February 13, 2008 Minutes were accepted as contained in the Agenda packet.

D. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

On order of Chairperson Kniss, there being no objection, the February 14, 2008 Minutes were accepted as contained in the Agenda packet.

E. Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)

On order of Chairperson Kniss, there being no objection, the February 14, 2008 Minutes were accepted as contained in the Agenda packet.

32. REPORTS FROM JOINT POWERS BOARDS (JPBs) & REGIONAL COMMISSIONS

Chairperson Kniss advised the Board of Directors that the Reports from the Joint Powers Boards (JPBs) & Regional Commissions were placed in front of them on the dais.

A. Peninsula Corridor JPB

B. Capitol Corridor JPB

C. Dumbarton Rail Corridor Policy Committee

There was no report on the Dumbarton Rail Corridor Policy Committee.

D. Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)

33. REPORTS FROM VTA POLICY ADVISORY BOARDS (PABs)

A. Vasona Light Rail PAB

There was no report from the Vasona Light Rail PAB.

B. Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Corridor PAB

There was no report from the Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Corridor PAB.

C. Downtown East Valley PAB

There was no report from the Downtown East Valley PAB.

D. Highway PAB – South

There was no report from the Highway PAB – South.

E. I-680 Sunol SMART Carpool Lane Policy Advisory Committee

There was no report from the I-680 Sunol SMART Carpool Lane Policy Advisory Committee.

34. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Eugene Bradley, VTA Riders Union, followed up on the issues he raised at the January 2008 Meeting and requested written response regarding the following: 1) Customer Service Department's policy to follow up and return calls of complainants; 2) Customer Service policy regarding having supervisors give rides to customers who missed the last bus due to VTA bus malfunctions; and 3) VTA's policy on scooter sizes and how VTA addresses incompatible scooters on bus and trains. He also inquired about VTA's policy regarding full buses and how this issue is resolved. He noted that this problem occurs at Bus Route 88 in Palo Alto.

Richard Zappelli, Willow Glen Neighborhood Association, noted the need for a comprehensive transportation plan for the City of San Jose and the County of Santa Clara to alleviate congestion and improve the quality of life. He noted that instead of building BART to the East Bay, the rapid transit should be built to connect San Jose to the Northern part of Santa Clara County. He expressed concern about the cost to construct BART and noted the need for Sunshine Laws to ensure public involvement on VTA issues.

Ed Rast, Interested Citizen, emphasized the need for a comprehensive countywide public transportation system for Santa Clara County. He noted that VTA should improve its public outreach policy to communicate the benefits of a countywide transit system. He added that early public meeting notices will result in better public participation and support.

Zakhary Mallett, Interested Citizen, referred to Agenda Item #32.A, Report from Peninsula Corridor JPB. He noted that the implementation of Bus Express Route 168 created competition with Caltrain. He suggested that the VTA Caltrain JPB representative initiate a JPB discussion about the possibility of redefining Caltrain market or eliminating Caltrain service to make people utilize Bus Route 168. He suggested that if the market is to be redefined, all trains to South County should be baby bullets so that it caters to North County, Peninsula, and San Francisco commuter markets.

Noel Tebo, VTA Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Chairperson, noted the positive improvement of the VTA-Committee relationship since Michael Burns became General Manager. He noted the CAC Membership's extensive public service experience and added that the CAC is willing to help the Board of Directors in any way that the Board feels appropriate. He also noted that CAC welcomes the opportunity to study appropriate issues in depth and provide the Board with additional public input.

35. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Announcements.

36. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Kniss, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine F. Baltao, Board Assistant
VTA Board of Directors