BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, March 6, 2014
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Regular Meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority’s (VTA) Board of Directors was called to order by Chairperson Kalra at 5:32 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors’ Chambers, County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, San José, California.

1.1. ROLL CALL

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* Alternates do not serve unless participating as a Member.

A quorum was present.

1.2. Orders of the Day

Chairperson Kalra noted the Agenda was revised to reflect the following: Added to General Manager Report (Item #5.3): Receive an update on the State Route 85 Express Lanes Project Environmental Assessment; Removed Agenda Item #7.2: Authorize the General Manager to award and execute a design-build contract with C. Overaa & Company, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in an amount of $85,140,000 for the design and construction of the Silicon Valley BART Extension (SVBX) C730-Parking Structures at Milpitas and Berryessa Stations; Updated language for Agenda Item #7.3: Review and discuss the Grand Boulevard Initiative Economic & Housing Opportunity Assessment
Phase II Final Report; and added to Closed Session Agenda Item # 9.1.C.X: Conference with Labor Negotiators;

Chairperson Kalra noted that the following items are in the Boards’ reading folder and on the public table; revised agenda, addendum to the agenda, and staff letter regarding Agenda Item #7.2.

Chairperson Kalra noted that Agenda Item #6.1: February Board Regular Meeting Minutes will be updated to reflect Chuck Page as present.

Chairperson Kalra noted that the VTA Board of Directors meeting will adjourn in memory of Alain Dang, VTA Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Member.

Board Member Whittum expressed support on Traffic Impact Fees.

Board Member Esteves noted for the record his opposition on Agenda Item #6.12: Mark Thomas and Company Contract Amendment for SR 237 Express Lanes.

M/S/C (Herrera/Price) on a vote of 10 ayes, 1 no, and 0 abstentions, to accept the Orders of the Day, and approve the Consent Agenda. Member Esteves opposed on Item 6.12.

RESULT: ADOPTED (Orders of the Day and Consent Agenda Item #: 6.1-6.11; 6.13 – 6.18)

MOVER: Rose Herrera, Board Member
SECONDER: Gail Price, Board Member
AYES: Campos, Chavez, Esteves, Kalra, Khamis, Pirzynski, Rocha, Woodward, Whittum
NO: None
ABSENT: Yeager

RESULT: ADOPTED (6.12)

MOVER: Rose Herrera, Board Member
SECONDER: Gail Price, Board Member
AYES: Campos, Chavez, Kalra, Khamis, Pirzynski, Rocha, Woodward, Whittum
NO: Esteves
ABSENT: Yeager

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

2.1 Employees of the Month for March 2014

Chairperson Kalra recognized Heather Le, Project Controls Specialist II, River Oaks Administration as Employee of the Month for March 2014.

2.2 2013 Employees of the Year

Chairperson Kalra recognized Linda Wilson, Human Resources Analyst, River Oaks Administration; Ronald Langston, Coach Operator, Chaboya Division and Hanh Lam, Transit Mechanic at Chaboya Maintenance, as Employees of the Year for 2013; and Mark Thomas, Technical Training Supervisor, Chaboya Bus Technical Training Unit, as 2013 Supervisor of the Year.

2.3 Recognition of 2013 and Introduction of 2014 Advisory Committee Chairpersons

Chairperson Kalra recognized the Advisory Committee Chairpersons for 2013:

- Paul Golstein - Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
- Clinton Brownley - Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
- Aaron Morrow - Committee for Transit Accessibility (CTA)
- Gail Price - Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)
- Timm Borden - Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Chairperson Kalra welcomed the Advisory Committee Chairpersons for 2014:

- Wes Brinfield - Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
- William Hadaya - Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
- Aaron Morrow - Committee for Transit Accessibility (CTA)
- Howard Miller - Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)
- Todd Capurso - Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Kittila, Interested Citizen, expressed capacity concerns on the busses from dismantling the flip up seats at the front of the bus.

John Rainville, Interested Citizen, expressed concern about dismantling the front seats on the buses and suggested an alternate route for bus line 522.

The following VTA Employees and members of Services Employees International Union (SEIU); Transportation Authority Engineers and Architects Association (TAEA); and American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) addressed the Board of Directors with concerns about the scope of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Organizational Assessment & Classification and Compensation Study. They expressed the importance of being equitable to all Unions and their members. The Union representatives recommended that the following be conducted: 1) allow a representative
from each Union at the table during the process; and 2) study all positions including Union Officer positions.

- Tammy Dhanota, SEIU
- Franceen Weisert Anderson, TAEA
- John Carlson, AFSCME

Michael Ludwig, Interested Citizen, expressed concern about the lack of Caltrain midday weekday service to the Tamien station.

Omar Chatty, Interested Citizen, advocated for BART around the Bay.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings.

5. REPORTS

5.1. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Chairperson’s Report

There was no CAC report.

5.2. Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Chairperson’s Report

Howard Miller, PAC Chairperson, provided a brief report on the discussions held at the February 13, 2014, PAC meeting. He noted that he was elected as the PAC Chairperson and Larry Carr was elected as the Vice Chairperson.

5.3. General Manager’s Report

Nuria I. Fernandez, General Manager, provided a report, highlighting:

- Ridership statistics, noting system total ridership increased.
- Fare revenue and average fare per boarding trends is consistent with the ridership trend.
- Clipper Ridership, noting an increase due to the transition of traditional Eco Pass holders to Eco Pass Clipper Card holders.
- Bus and Light rail have exceeded most of the established goals for January 2014 Key Performance Indicators.
- Ms. Fernandez introduced Captain David Lera who discussed Security and Public Safety and highlighted the following: a) a decrease in the number of arrests from January 2014 to February 2014; b) meeting with the Gilroy Police Department that resulted in an increased visibility at the South County Transit Station; and c) meeting with the San Jose Police Chief to start developing relationships to ensure the safety of riders at VTA facilities.
- VTA participated in the 2nd annual “Let’s Get Moving: Transportation Choices for Healthy Communities” Summit on February 22, 2014.
State Route 85 Express Lanes Project Environmental Assessment Update

Ms. Fernandez introduced John Ristow, Chief Congestion Management Agency Officer, to provide a brief overview of the staff report.

Mr. Ristow provided a report, highlighting: 1) Caltrans is the lead agency for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental process; 2) the Draft Environmental Document (DED) is an Initial Study / Environmental Assessment with proposed Negative Declaration/ Finding of No Significant Impact; and 3) the main concerns from the public.

Mr. Ristow commented on the following: 1) that lead agency Caltrans will formally respond to each of the inquiries presented by the public; 2) Caltrans and VTA will work with the surrounding cities especially Saratoga to assist with congestion concerns; and 3) an Expressway Program Implementation Plan will be brought back to the Board of Directors for approval.

Member Esteves inquired about the positive data received and expressed opposition to the express lanes, referencing the negative feedback he has received about the SR 237 double white lines in Milpitas.

Mr. Ristow noted there would still be a large median lane even with the express lane.

Public Comment

The following interested citizens expressed strong opposition to the proposed SR 85 Express Lanes and noted the following concerns: 1) noise levels in the area; 2) more congestion on the already congested area; 3) light rail along the corridor should be an option; and 4) Express Lanes Project is a temporary fix and not a solution.

- Carmel Thorn
- Davina Witts
- Mary Robertson
- Uday Kapoor

Trish Cypher, Interested Citizen, expressed concern about the SR 85 project and urged the Board to review the previous agreements with cities along the corridor.

Berry Chang, Interested Citizen, urged the Board to review the previous Performance Agreement with the various cities. Mr. Chang referenced that the previous agreement discussed the use of median lanes for the light rail.

John Chen, Interested Citizen, expressed the following concerns: 1) congestion along SR 85 corridor; 2) lack of communication to the public about the intended project; and 3) the lack of return on investments.
Cheriel Jensen, Interested Citizen, expressed opposition on the proposed SR 85 Express Lanes and urged the Board to review and uphold the previous agreement that the various cities along the SR 85 corridor signed.

Thierry Doyen, Interested Citizen, expressed concern about the current SR 85 traffic congestion and urged the Board to think long term transit solutions.

Omar Chatty, Interested Citizen expressed support for additional lanes along SR 85 to ease the traffic congestion.

Chuck Page, Mayor of Saratoga, expressed thanks for his term as Alternate VTA Board Member and urged the Board to continue working towards a solution for noise reduction.

5.3.A **SVRT Program Update**

Ms. Fernandez noted the Silicon Valley Rapid Transit (SVRT) Program Working Committee met Monday, March 3, 2014, and a report was included in the reading folders and on the public table.

5.3.B **Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and California Transportation Commission (CTC) updates.**

Scott Haywood, Policy & Community Relations Manager, noted that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is evaluating projects that do not have a good prospect of being fully funded or experiencing other implementation issues in the Regional Measure 2 Program (RM2). MTC is proposing RM2 funding for the Dumbarton Rail Project be reassigned. MTC will hold a public hearing which staff will then report back to the Commission and hope to have a final program adopted in May 2014.

Ms. Fernandez commented that the summary of the California Transportation Commission (CTC) activities report was in the reading folders and on the public table.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Chatty strongly opposed the use of Caltrain and advocated for BART around the Bay.
5.4. **Chairperson’s Report**

5.4.A. **Levi's Stadium Transit Program Committee Update.**

Chairperson Kalra stated that he along with Directors Jamie Mathews, Gail Price and Margaret Abe-Koga attended the first Levi’s Stadium Transit Program Committee meeting. He noted the Committee discussed at length transportation plans to meet the foreseen ridership demand and discussed several project and policy-issues including the use of local transit Park and Ride Lots.

Chairperson Kalra noted the following: 1) he and the General Manager met with the 2014 Advisory Committee Leadership on Monday March 3, 2014; 2) the groundbreaking for the Santa Clara-Alum Rock Bus Rapid Transit project will be held on March 21, 2014; and 3) the 25 years of Light Rail service celebration will be held on April 11, 2014.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

6.1. **Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2014**

M/S/C (Herrera/Price) to approve the Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2014, as amended.

6.2. **Revise Interest Rate Swap Policy**

M/S/C (Herrera/Price) to adopt recommended changes to VTA’s Interest Rate Swap Policy to become compliant with the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the “Dodd-Frank Act”).

6.3. **Ticket Vending Machine Parts Procurement and Repair**

M/S/C (Herrera/Price) to authorize the General Manager to execute a five-year contract with Ventek Transit Corporation in the amount of $750,000 to supply parts and repair services to refurbish VTA’s Ticket Vending Machines (TVM’s) in use on VTA’s 65 light rail station platforms.

6.4. **Knorr Brake Corporation Analog Control Valve Refurbishment**

M/S/C (Herrera/Price) to authorize the General Manager to execute a two-year contract, including three one-year options, with Knorr Brake Corporation in the amount of $313,860 for the full five-year period, to refurbish analog control valves inside the Electronic Hydraulic Unit (EHU), a critical component of the Light Rail Vehicle’s Friction Brake System.
6.5. **Knorr Brake Corporation Brake Parts Contract**

M/S/C (Herrera/Price) to authorize the General Manager to execute a two-year contract with three one-year options with Knorr Brake Corporation in an amount of up to $1,203,000 for the projected five year period, for the purpose of supplying brake parts for the Light Rail Vehicle brake system.

6.6. **Kone Elevator/Escalator/Lift Maintenance Contract**

M/S/C (Herrera/Price) to authorize the General Manager to execute a two-year contract with Kone Inc. in the amount of $580,000 for the purpose of providing 24 hours a day, 7 days a week maintenance of VTA elevators, lifts and escalators located at VTA’s light rail stations and operating divisions. The contract includes after-hour response to failures, repair and periodic maintenance to ensure proper and safe operation and conformity to California State requirements.

6.7. **VTA’s BART Silicon Valley Extension Project - Residential Noise Insulation Program Fourth Construction Contract – C753**

M/S/C (Herrera/Price) to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with G & G Specialty Contractors, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of $1,139,634 for the construction of the fourth and final group of properties in the Residential Noise Insulation Program.

6.8. **Authorization for General Manager to Enter into Agreement with Caltrans for I-680 South Corridor Study**

M/S/C (Herrera/Price) to adopt Resolution No. 2014.03.02 authorizing the General Manager to enter into agreements, including cooperative and fund transfer agreements, with California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the Transportation Planning Grant for the I-680 South Corridor Study.

6.9. **Fiscal Year 2014 Quarterly Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending December 31, 2013**

M/S/C (Herrera/Price) to review and accept the Fiscal Year 2014 Quarterly Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the period ending December 31, 2013.

6.10. **Mission/Warren/Freight Railroad Relocation – Amendment to Construction Contract with RGW Construction, Inc.**

M/S/C (Herrera/Price) to authorize the General Manager to amend the Mission Boulevard/Warren Avenue/Freight Railroad Relocation contract with RGW Construction, Inc. to accommodate scope additions in the amount of $2,750,000 for a new authorized amount of $54,546,318.
6.11. **SR85 Express Lanes - Amend URS Contract to Complete Preliminary Engineering/Environmental Phase**

M/S/C (Herrera/Price) to authorize the General Manager to amend the contract with URS Corporation in the amount of $650,000 for a new a not-to-exceed total contract value of $3,612,597 to accommodate additional services to complete environmental documentation for the SR85 Express Lanes Project.

6.12. **Mark Thomas and Company Contract Amendment for SR 237 Express Lanes**

M/S/C (Herrera/Price) on a vote of 10 ayes, 1 no, 0 abstentions to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract amendment with Mark Thomas and Company, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed $1,750,000 increasing the not-to-exceed total contract value to $3,100,000 and extend the contract term to December 31, 2016 to complete PA/ED and provide Final Design and Right-Of-Way Engineering services for the SR 237 Express Lanes Phase 2 Project. Board Member Esteves opposed.


M/S/C (Herrera/Price) to adopt Resolution No. 2014.03.03 authorizing the General Manager or the Chief Operating Officer or the Chief Congestion Management Agency Officer or the General Counsel to file and execute grant applications and agreements with the State of California for California Transit Security Grant Program - California Transit Assistance Fund (CTSGP-CTAF) funds.

6.14. **Actuarial Valuation of VTA’s Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) as of July 1, 2013**

M/S/C (Herrera/Price) to receive Actuarial Valuation of VTA's Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) as of July 1, 2013.

6.15. **Legislative Update Matrix**

M/S/C (Herrera/Price) to review the Legislative Update Matrix.

6.16. **Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for Oct-Dec 2013**

M/S/C (Herrera/Price) to receive the Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for October through December 2013.


M/S/C (Herrera/Price) to receive the VTP Highway Program Semi-Annual Report ending October 31, 2013.
6.18. **Update on Voluntary Contributions to Transportation Improvements**

M/S/C (Herrera/Price) to receive an Update on Voluntary Contributions to Transportation Improvements.

7. **REGULAR AGENDA**

7.1. **Substitution of Liquidity - 1976 Sales Tax, Series 2008 Bonds**

Michael Smith, Fiscal Resources Manager, provided an overview of the staff report.

Upon inquiry of Board Member Khamis, Peter Ross, Financial Advisor, clarified that the long term interest rate is fixed through 2026 and the liquidity facility replaces the previous one put in place three years ago.

Board Member Khamis requested a written report about the information presented by Mr. Ross.

Chairperson Kalra requested that the summary of the action and history of the Series 2008 Bonds be provided to Mr. Khamis and the Board.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Cindy Chavez, Board Member

SECONDER: Johnny Khamis, Board Member

AYES: Campos, Esteves, Herrera, Kalra, Pirzynski, Price, Rocha, Woodward, Whittum

ABSENT: Yeager

M/S/C (Chavez/ Khamis) to adopt Resolution No. 2014.03.04 authorizing the General Manager or Chief Financial Officer to execute and deliver all documents, including a Remarketing Memorandum and Standby Bond Purchase Agreement in connection with the 1976 Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, 2008 Series A, B and C that are required to: A) Extend the liquidity facilities provided by State Street Bank and Trust Company (State Street) as liquidity provider for the 2008 Series A and C, and B) Replace the liquidity facilities provided by Barclays Bank PLC (Barclays) for the 2008 Series B with liquidity facility provided by State Street Bank and Trust Company. Further requested that the summary of the action and history of the Series 2008 Bonds be provided to the Board of Directors.

7.2. **(Removed from the Agenda.)**

Authorize the General Manager to award and execute a design-build contract with C. Overaa & Company, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in an amount of $85,140,000 for the design and construction of the Silicon Valley BART Extension (SVBX) C730-Parking Structures at Milpitas and Berryessa Stations.
7.3. **(Deferred to the April 3, 2014, Board of Directors Meeting.)**

On order of Chairperson Kalra and there being no objection, the Grand Boulevard Initiative Economic & Housing Opportunity Assessment Phase II Final Report was deferred to the April 3, 2014 Board of Directors meeting.

7.4. **Capitol Expressway Corridor: Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration**

Tom Fitzwater, Transportation Planning Manager, provided a brief overview of the staff report.

Board Member Pirzynski commended staff for the improvements that have already taken place at the Capitol Expressway Corridor. Board Member Pirzynski recommended approving the amended changes.

Upon Board Member Herrera’s inquiry, Mr. Fitzwater responded that there was no negative feedback or opposition to removing the intended Ocala station from the plans during the public comment process.

Board Member Herrera expressed support for the staff recommendation.

Board Member Campos expressed opposition in moving forward with the item. He noted that he was concerned that eliminating a station will have more of a significant cost in the future.

Board Member Chavez expressed concern about removing the Ocala station. She noted that she wanted to make sure that VTA reflects on the past when looking towards the future, ensuring that there is no missed opportunity.

Board Member Rocha inquired how many current light rail stations are meeting the 600 boarding threshold.

Jim Lawson, Executive Policy Advisor, informed the Board that a written report will be sent in regards to Board Member Rocha’s inquiry.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Ludwig expressed support of the project and expressed concern with ending the light rail at the Alum Rock Transit Center and suggested a reroute.

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**RESULT:** ADOPTED  
**MOVER:** Joe Pirzynski, Board Member  
**SECONDER:** Perry Woodward, Board Member  
**AYES:** Herrera, Kalra, Khamis, Price, Rocha, Woodward, Whittum  
**NOES:** Campos, Chavez,  
**ABSENT:** Yeager
M/S/C (Pirzynski/Woodward) on a vote of 9 ayes, 2 noes, 0 abstentions to approve the changes to the Downtown East Valley (DTEV) Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project (Project) through the following actions: 1) Certify that the Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration (SMND): Meets the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); Represents the independent judgment of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) as the Lead Agency; and Was presented together with any comments received during the public review process to the VTA Board of Directors for review and consideration. 2) Adopt: Findings that on the basis of the whole record before it that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have new significant impacts or substantially more severe significant impacts on the environment, which would require a Subsequent Environmental Impact Report under Public Resources Code Section 21166 or CEQA Guidelines Section15162; Statement of Overriding Considerations; and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. 3) Amend the Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project as described in the SMND. a. No Median Ocala Station; b. No Sidewalk Widening and Soundwall Relocation North of Ocala Avenue; and c. Increase Parking at Eastridge Park-and-Ride. Board Members Chavez and Campos opposed.

7.5. Certification of Vasona Corridor Supplemental EIR

Mr. Fitzwater provided a brief overview of the staff report noting that several comments were received from the community about two Live Oak trees. Mr. Fitzwater announced the redesign of the park and ride lot to preserve the trees.

Public Comment

Mr. Chatty expressed concern about not providing ridership numbers in staff reports and urged the Board to make sure VTA is a transparent agency.

Beverley Bryant, Interested Citizen, expressed support of the Vasona Corridor light rail extension.

James Wightman, Interested Citizen, expressed support of the light rail extension and inquired about the frequency of trains when the Levi’s Stadium is opened.

Mr. Ludwig expressed concern about the car capacity issues at the Winchester Park and Ride Lot and made suggestions about project phasing.

Board Member Campos commented that it is important to always take into consideration pedestrian safety.

Board Member Khamis noted he will oppose this item stating he does not believe the ridership will meet the numbers and would like to see the Capitol Corridor finished first.

Board Member Price commented that she hopes VTA will be able to work with project developers and communities to help fund any future light rail stations.
Board Member Herrera commented about the potential for public/private sector partnership and is hopeful the companies along the Winchester line in Los Gatos provide some funding.

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Rose Herrera, Board Member
SECONDER: Jose Esteves, Board Member
AYES: Campos, Chavez, Kalra, Khamis, Pirzynski, Rocha, Woodward, Whittum
NO: Khamis
ABSENT: Yeager

M/S/C (Herrera/Esteves) on a vote of 10 ayes, 1 no, 0 abstentions to 1) Certify that the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the Vasona Corridor Light Rail Transit Extension Project: a) Meets the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); b) Represents the independent judgment of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) as the Lead Agency; and c) Was presented to the VTA Board of Directors for review and consideration. 2) Adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. 3) Adopt the Recommended Project Description. Board Member Khamis opposed.

8. OTHER ITEMS

8.1. ITEMS OF CONCERN AND REFERRAL TO ADMINISTRATION

Board Member Khamis inquired about increased contract change orders.

Ms. Fernandez responded that VTA is evaluating the entire scope of its procurement process and will bring back the information to a Standing Committee.

Board Member Chavez stated restructuring the reports to better understand the core reasons for change will make the process more transparent. She suggested that Ms. Fernandez provide the Board information on what she has learned about the procurement process and assist the Board in developing a broad procurement policy.

8.2. Reports from VTA Committees, Joint Powers Boards (JPB), and Regional Commissions.

8.2.A. VTA Standing Committees

- Congestion Management Program and Planning (CMPP) Committee – February 20, 2014, Minutes were accepted as contained on the dais.
- Administration and Finance Committee (A&F) – February 20, 2014, Minutes were accepted as contained on the dais.
- Transit Planning and Operations Committee (TP&O) – There was no report.
Audit Committee – February 6, 2014, Minutes were accepted as contained in the Agenda Packet.

Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Program Working Committee – There was no report.

8.2.B. **VTA Advisory Committees**

- Committee for Transit Accessibility (CTA) – There was no report.
- Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) – February 12, 2014, Minutes were accepted as contained in the Agenda Packet.
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) – February 12, 2014, Notice of Cancellation was accepted as contained in the Agenda Packet.
- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – February 13, 2014, Minutes were accepted as contained in the Agenda Packet.
- Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) – February 13, 2014 Minutes were accepted as contained in the Agenda Packet.

8.2.C. **VTA Policy Advisory Boards (PAB)**

- Diridon Station Joint Policy Advisory Board - There was no report.
- Downtown East Valley PAB – There was no report.
- El Camino Real Rapid Transit PAB – There was no report.

8.2.D. **Joint Powers Boards and Regional Commissions**

- Peninsula Corridor JPB – March 6, 2014, Summary Notes were accepted as contained on the dais.
- Capitol Corridor JPB – February 19, 2014, Summary Notes were accepted as contained on the dais.
- Dumbarton Rail Corridor Policy Committee – There was no report.
- Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) – February 26, 2014, Summary Notes were accepted as contained on the dais.
- Sunol Smart Carpool Lane Joint Powers Authority – There was no report.
- SR 152 Mobility Partnership – There was no report.

8.3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Announcements.

9. **CLOSED SESSION**

9.1. Recessed to Closed Session at 7:52 p.m.
A. Existing Litigation - Conference with Legal Counsel  
[Government Code Section 54956.9(a)]  
Name of Case: Johnson v. Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority  
(Santa Clara County Superior Case No.: 1-10-CV-190335)

B. Existing Litigation - Conference with Legal Counsel  
[Government Code Section 54956.9(a)]  
Name of Case: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority v. Macy’s West Stores, Inc., et al.  
(Santa Clara County Superior Court Case No.: 1-11-CV-209530)

C. Existing Litigation - Conference with Legal Counsel  
[Government Code Section 54956.9(a)]  
Name of Case: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority v. Kunde, et al.  
(Eminent Domain)  
(Santa Clara Superior Court Case No.: 1-12-CV-218104)

9.1.C.X Conference with Labor Negotiators  
[Government Code Section 54957.6]  
VTA Designated Representatives  
Bill Lopez, Chief Administrative Officer  
Robert L. Escobar, Deputy Director, Administrative Services  
Joseph Smith, Chief Financial Officer  
Employee Organizations  
Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 265  
Vice Chairperson Woodward left Closed Session at 8:08 p.m.

9.2. Reconvened to Open Session at 8:30 p.m.

9.3. Closed Session Report

A. Existing Litigation - Conference with Legal Counsel  
[Government Code Section 54956.9(a)]  
Name of Case: Johnson v. Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority  
(Santa Clara County Superior Case No.: 1-10-CV-190335)  
Robert Fabela, General Counsel, reported that no reportable action was taken during Closed Session.
B. Existing Litigation - Conference with Legal Counsel
[Government Code Section 54956.9(a)]

Name of Case: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority v. Macy’s West Stores, Inc., et al.

(Santa Clara County Superior Court Case No.: 1-11-CV-209530)

Mr. Fabela reported that no reportable action was taken during Closed Session.

C. Existing Litigation - Conference with Legal Counsel
[Government Code Section 54956.9(a)]

Name of Case: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority v. Kinder, et al.
(Eminent Domain)

(Santa Clara Superior Court Case No.: 1-12-CV-218104)

Mr. Fabela reported that no reportable action was taken during Closed Session.

9.1. C.X Conference with Labor Negotiators
[Government Code Section 54957.6]

VTA Designated Representatives
Bill Lopez, Chief Administrative Officer
Robert L. Escobar, Deputy Director, Administrative Services
Joseph Smith, Chief Financial Officer

Employee Organizations
Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 265

Mr. Fabela reported that no reportable action was taken during Closed Session.

Board Member Chavez disclosed that she will be returning money donated from an applicant who is affiliated with Closed Session Item 9.1.C. She stated she was not aware of the involvement until Closed Session.

10. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Kalra and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m. in memory of Alain Dang, VTA Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Member.

Respectfully submitted,

Theadora Travers, Board Assistant
VTA Office of the Board Secretary