

VTA'S BART SILICON VALLEY AD HOC COMMITTEE

Monday, March 13, 2017

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the VTA's BART Silicon Valley Ad Hoc Committee was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chairperson Pro Tem Chavez in Conference Room B-106, VTA's River Oaks Campus, 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Cindy Chavez		Present
Lan Diep		Absent
Teresa O'Neill		Present
Raul Peralez		Absent
Ken Yeager		Present

A quorum was not present and a Committee of the Whole was declared.

2. Public Presentations

Roland Lebrun, Interested Citizen, expressed concern with the Caltrain funding gap created by San Mateo County and the amount of funds VTA has contributed to Caltrain.

The Agenda was taken out of order.

5. VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Single Bore Technical Studies

Krishna Davey, SVRT Project Controls Manager, provided a brief overview of the report, highlighting the following: 1) Overview; 2) Single bore tunnel alignment; 3) Tunnel typical sections; 4) Station configuration; 5) Station interior; 6) Tunnel and station ventilation; 7) Ventilation analysis; 8) Ventilation summary; 9) Point of safety; 10) Emergency egress; 11) Cross-passages at transitions; 12) Deeper transit stations and point of safety; and 13) examples of deeper transit stations in the United States.

Member O'Neill arrived at the meeting at 10:16 a.m. and took her seat. A quorum was established.

The Committee discussed the following: 1) capacity levels; 2) ingress and egress during an emergencies; 3) service at downtown San Jose Station and Diridon Station; 4) safety zones; 5) crossovers and cross passages; 6) forced air ventilation and emergency system; and 7) examples of cases where the emergency evacuation has been tested.

Chairperson Chavez requested the following: 1) present complex topics in written format in the future; 2) provide slides to the Committee three days in advance; 3) present more

information on ventilation to the Committee; 4) plan a field trip for Board Members interested in seeing ventilation areas; 5) invite safety experts to make a presentation on safety; 6) research placement of stations and underground crossings; 7) use consistent language and less acronyms to allow for better understanding; 8) use animation to show and better explain what is being considered; and 9) present simulations and visuals to the Board.

Public Comment

Mr. Lebrun expressed the need for having a full understanding of how tunnel ventilation works. He commented on the 2016 fire on Barcelona Metro noting lessons learned.

Davide Vieira, Interested Citizen, questioned how the Citizens Advisory Committee will weigh in on BART Phase II issues.

Carolyn Gonot, Interim Director, Planning and Program Development and Committee Staff Liaison, indicated the Citizens Advisory Committee will receive presentations on the project and the Ad Hoc Committee will receive information on the technical aspects.

On order of Chairperson Pro Tem Chavez and there being no objection, the Committee received a presentation on VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Single Bore Technical Studies.

4. 2017 VTA's BART Silicon Valley Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Schedule

M/S/C (Yeager/O'Neill) to approve the 2017 VTA's BART Silicon Valley Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Schedule.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ken Yeager, Member
SECONDER:	Theresa O'Neill, Member
AYES:	Chavez, O'Neill, Yeager
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

3. Committee's Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2017

Member Yeager nominated Member Chavez to serve as Chairperson and Member O'Neill to serve as Vice Chairperson for 2017.

M/S/C (Yeager/O'Neill) to close nominations and appoint Member Chavez as the Committee's Chairperson for 2017.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ken Yeager, Member
SECONDER:	Chavez, Member
AYES:	Chavez, O'Neill, Yeager
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

M/S/C (Yeager/Chavez) to close nominations and appoint Member O'Neill as the Committee's vice chairperson for 2017.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ken Yeager, Member
SECONDER:	Chavez, Chairperson
AYES:	Chavez, O'Neill, Yeager
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

6. VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Tunneling Risk Assessment

Mr. Davey provided a brief overview of the independent risk assessment highlighting the tunneling methodology.

On order of Chairperson Chavez and there being no objection, the Committee received an update on VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Tunneling Risk Assessment.

7. Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Subsequent Environmental Impact Report

Leyla Hedayat, Project Manager, Transportation Planning, provided a brief overview of the summary draft of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) public comments.

Public Comment

Mr. Lebrun noted his previous comments during the scoping period were ignored and noted it was the reason why he did not provide comments on the SEIR.

On order of Chairperson Chavez and there being no objection, the Committee received an update on VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIS/SEIR).

8. VTA's BART Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension Project and VTA's BART Silicon Valley Extension Program

Dennis Ratcliffe, Interim Director, Engineering and Transportation Infrastructure Development, gave a presentation, highlighting: 1) BART Silicon Valley (BSV) Phase I update schedule; 2) Status of contracts; 3) Program cost summary; and 4) Construction progress.

The Committee discussed the completion schedule and opening for revenue service.

Public Comment

Mr. Lebrun questioned why the signal engineers could not have handled Fremont to Berryessa as one segment.

Mr. Ratcliffe responded different contractors, contract commitments, configurations and the changing nature of the Warm Springs completion date did not allow for it to be one segment.

On order of Chairperson Chavez and there being no objection, the Committee received an update on VTA's BART Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension Project and VTA's BART Silicon Valley Extension Program.

9. Next Steps

Member Yeager expressed concern with the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) for BART Phase II and what effect that could have on the timeline considering what has happened with Caltrain Electrification funding. Chairperson Chavez requested that the discussion be agendaized for the full Board.

Ms. Gonot indicated staff can add a discussion on the specific funding plan for Phase II at the May Committee meeting and a discussion on overall federal funding for transit projects can be had at the April Board of Directors meeting.

Chairperson Chavez requested staff report back to the Committee in writing about how this will be approached.

On order of Chairperson Chavez and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Next Steps.

10. Announcements

Ms. Gonot announced the Opening Celebration of the BART Warm Springs Extension on March 24, 2017, and indicated the station will open for passenger service on March 25, 2017.

11. Adjournment

On order of Chairperson Chavez and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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