

Ad Hoc Financial Stability Committee

Friday, August 17, 2018

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's (VTA's) Ad Hoc Financial Stability Committee ("Committee") meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bruins at 1:34 p.m., in the VTA Conference Room B-106, 3331 North First Street, San José, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Jeannie Bruins	Chairperson	Present
Cindy Chavez	Board Member	Present
Johnny Khamis	Vice Chairperson	Present

A quorum was present.

2. Introductions

Chairperson Bruins provided welcome remarks and a brief overview of the meeting.

3. Orders of the Day

There were no Orders of the Day.

4. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Jim Stallman, Interested Citizen, made the following comments: 1) suggested to not reduce bus service and re-examine 2000 Measure A funds for bus service; 2) urged Metropolitan Transportation Commissioners representing Santa Clara County to advocate for funding for VTA; and 3) suggested Express Lanes toll revenue be used for express bus service.

Roland Lebrun, Interested Citizen, made the following comments: 1) urged to keep Express Bus Route 181 and suggested exploring public-private partnerships as a way to maintain express bus service; 2) advocated for buses over light rail due to cost; and 3) offered suggestions to facilitate employee retirement.

5. Workshop Meeting Summary Minutes of June 8, 2018

M/S/C (Khamis/Chavez) to approve the Workshop Meeting Summary Minutes of June 8, 2018.

6. Committee Workshop Results

Stakeholders asked about the process for developing the Committee recommendations.

On order of Chairperson Bruins, and there being no objection, the Committee received the Committee Workshop Results.

7. Structural Deficit Mitigation Measures

Chairperson Bruins provided a brief overview of the structural budget deficit and highlighted the Committee's role.

Raj Srinath, Chief Financial Officer, introduced Carol Lawson, Fiscal Resources Manager, who provided an overview of the proposed structural deficit mitigation measures, noting: 1) goals; 2) deficit reduction targets; 3) short-term common themes from the Committee Workshop meeting discussions; 4) overview of staff proposed short-term mitigations; 5) overview of staff proposed additional mitigations; 6) selection criteria for staff proposed mitigation; and 7) overview of long-term mitigation/policy items for future discussion.

Stakeholders noted their concerns and questions related to the Committee recommendation process and proposed mitigations. They requested additional review and discussion and suggested strategies on messaging pertaining to service level adjustments and ways to increase revenue.

Stakeholders further referenced letters provided to the Committee from Working Partnerships USA; Amalgamated Transit Union Local 265 (ATU); American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Local 101 (AFSCME); Service Employees International Union Local 521 (SEIU); Transportation Authority Engineers & Architects Association Local 21 (TAEA); and SPUR, outlining additional questions, comments, and proposals.

Members of the Committee discussed Committee objectives, decision process, and timeline. They provided the following comments: 1) noted importance of keeping proposed mitigations in line with VTA's mission and in the spirit of 2016 Measure B; 2) asked about VTA's business model and the need for a more balanced "product"; and 3) prioritize topics to be forwarded to the Board for further discussion such as Next Network service rollout adjustment, capital expansion plans and its financial impacts, labor efficiencies and other collective bargaining matters, and contributions to regional partners.

Jim Lawson, Director of Government Affairs & Executive Policy Advisor and Staff Liaison, noted collective bargaining matters should be discussed in the appropriate setting.

Chairperson Bruins briefly discussed next steps, noting no action will be taken on the proposed mitigation measures.

On order of Chairperson Bruins and there being no objection, the Committee tabled the recommendation to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Board of Directors to approve the proposed mitigation measures to address VTA's structural deficit and promote long-term financial stability. In addition, direct staff to begin implementation and negotiation, where applicable, of these measures as soon as feasible.

8. Roundtable Discussion

There was no Roundtable Discussion.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Lawson expressed appreciation of Stakeholders for their work and contribution to the committee.

Stakeholders provided comments on capital project impacts and encouraged staff to examine successful planning strategies by other transit agencies.

Upon query, Chairperson Bruins noted the Committee is anticipated to take action at their next meeting, and encouraged Committee Members to reach out to staff should they need additional information.

10. ADJOURN

On order of Chairperson Bruins, and there being no objection, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Oblena, Board Assistant
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