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 Woodward at 5:31 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 Woodward noted the Addenda to the Agenda: Agenda Item #7.5.X., Bus Procurement Exercise 100 Bus Option and Agenda Item #9.1.A.X., Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation.

Chairperson Woodward noted that the attachment for Agenda Item #6.10., Envision Silicon Valley Preliminary Project List and the errata sheet were in the Board Members’ reading folders and on the public table.
Chairperson Woodward noted staff’s request to defer the following items: 

**Agenda Item #6.9.**, Memorandum of Understanding between Council of San Benito County Governments and Santa Clara Valley; and **Agenda Item #6.19.**, Dynamic Transit Service Pilot Program Implementation.

Chairperson Woodward noted staff’s request to hear the following Agenda Items together: 1) **Agenda Item #7.2.**, Approval of CalPERS Medical Resolutions for ATU, Local 265; 2) Agenda Item #7.3., Approval of CalPERS Medical Resolutions for AFSCME, Local 101; 3) **Agenda Item #7.4.** Approval of CalPERS Medical Resolutions for TAEA, Local 21; and 4) **Agenda Item #7.5.** Rescind ICMA Retirement Health Savings (RHS) Plan Agreements for TAEA.

Chairperson Woodward noted staff’s request to remove the following Closed Session items from the Agenda: **Agenda Item #9.1.A.**, Existing Litigation - Conference with Legal Counsel; and **Agenda Item #9.1.B.**, Conference with Labor Negotiators.

Board Member Kalra requested the following item be removed from the Regular Agenda and placed on the Consent Agenda: **Agenda Item #7.5.X.**, Bus Procurement Exercise 100 Bus Option.

Chairperson Woodward requested to change the order of the Agenda as follows:

1. **Agenda Items #7.1 through #7.5.**, would be heard after **Agenda Item #1.2.**, Orders of the Day and Approval of the Consent Agenda.

2. **Agenda Item #5.3.B.**, Receive an update on iTEAM and Caltrans District 4 Activities in Santa Clara County, would be heard after **Agenda Item #2.**, Awards and Commendation.

3. **Agenda Item #9.**, Closed Session, would be heard after Agenda Item #3., Public Presentations.

Board Member Whittum recused himself from **Agenda Item #6.12.**, Cooperative Agreement with the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain) for real property acquisitions in Santa Clara County that are required for the Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project (PCEP).

Nuria I. Fernandez, General Manager referenced deferred **Agenda Item #19.**, Dynamic Transit Service Pilot Program Implementation. She commented that staff would like to take the extra steps to ensure successful implementation.

Board Member Esteves noted his support for the Consent Agenda, but expressed concern about contract amendment amounts for the following Agenda Items: 1) **Agenda Item #6.4.**, Mountain View Double Track Project - Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board Contract Agreement for Construction Support; 2) **Agenda Item #6.5.**, Rail Rehabilitation - Signal and Track Improvements Contract Amendment with Shimmick Construction Company for Additional Work to Install a Track Crossover near Lick Mill Station; and 3) **Agenda Item #6.6.**, Contract Amendment with CH2MHiIl for Final Design Services and Design Support During Construction for the Santa Clara-Alum Rock Bus Rapid Transit Project.
Board Member Esteves referenced Agenda Item #6,18., SR 237 Express Lanes FY 2015 Annual Report, and expressed concern about data pertaining to the express lanes.

Public Comment

Norm Reynolds, Southwest Regional Sales Manager for Gillig, urged the Board to approve Agenda Item #7.5.X., Bus Procurement Exercise 100 Bus Option, noting that it will support American jobs.

James Wightman, Interested Citizen, made the following comments: 1) expressed concern about transportation safety and security during Super Bowl 50; 2) noted opposition to closing the Great America Station during Super Bowl 50; 3) noted Bus Route 11 should be implemented now as it is an important route for Downtown San Jose; and 4) suggested operating Bus Route 66 bus line at 20 minutes headways during weekends.

M/S/C (Baker/Carrasco) to accept the Orders of the Day, and approve the Consent Agenda, as amended.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

(Orders of the Day, Consent Agenda Items #: 6.1-6.8; 6.10-6.11; 6.13-6.18; 6.20; 7.5.X)

MOVER: Jason Baker, Board Member
SECONDER: Magdalena Carrasco, Board Member
AYES: Baker, Carrasco, Chavez, Esteves, Kalra, Khamis, Whittum, Woodward
NOES: None
ABSENT: Bruins, Herrera, Liccardo, Yeager

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

(Orders of the Day, Consent Agenda Items #: 6.12)

MOVER: Jason Baker, Board Member
SECONDER: Magdalena Carrasco, Board Member
AYES: Baker, Carrasco, Chavez, Esteves, Kalra, Khamis, Woodward
NOES: None
ABSENT: Bruins, Herrera, Liccardo, Yeager
RECUSED: Whittum

The Agenda was taken out of order.

NOTE: M/S/C MEANS MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED AND, UNLESS OTHERWISEINDICATED, THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
7. REGULAR AGENDA

7.1. Approval of the Labor Agreement between Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority and Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 265

Rudy Medina, Employee Relations Manager, provided an overview of the staff report and noted the corrections as outlined in the revised staff report.

M/S/C (Chavez/Esteves) to authorize the General Manager to approve and formally adopt a successor labor agreement negotiated between the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 265 and amend the FY 2016 and FY 2017 VTA Transit Fund Operating Budgets by $1,400,000 and $4,000,000, respectively.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
(Agenda Item #7.1)
MOVER: Cindy Chavez, Board Member
SECONDER: Jose Esteves, Board Member
AYES: Baker, Carrasco, Chavez, Esteves, Kalra, Khamis, Whittum, Woodward
NOES: None
ABSENT: Bruins, Herrera, Liccardo, Yeager

Agenda Items #7.2 to #7.5

7.2. Approval of CalPERS Medical Resolutions for ATU, Local 265

7.3. Approval of CalPERS Medical Resolutions for AFSCME, Local 101

7.4. Approval of CalPERS Medical Resolutions for TAEA, Local 21

7.5. Rescind ICMA Retirement Health Savings (RHS) Plan Agreements for TAEA

Sylvester Fadal, Human Resources and Diversity Programs Deputy Director, provided an overview of the staff report for Agenda Items 7.2 through 7.5.

M/S/C (Chavez/Baker) to adopt the following Resolutions approving CalPERS Medical for employees and retirees represented by ATU, Local 265, effective January 1, 2016.

1. ATU Resolution No. 2015.10.34 New Non-PERS Group PEMHCA Minimum Equal Contribution.
2. ATU Survivor Resolution No. 2015.10.35 - for Survivors of ATU retiree.
RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
(Agenda Items #7.2)
MOVER: Cindy Chavez, Board Member
SECONDER: Jason Baker, Board Member
AYES: Baker, Carrasco, Chavez, Esteves, Kalra, Khamis, Whittum, Woodward
NOES: None
ABSENT: Bruins, Herrera, Liccardo, Yeager

M/S/C (Chavez/Baker) to adopt the following Resolutions approving CalPERS Medical for employees and retirees represented by AFSCME, Local 101, effective January 1, 2016.

1. AFSCME (CalPERS) Resolution No. 2015.10.36.
2. AFSCME (non-CalPERS) Resolution No. 2015.10.37 - for AFSCME employees who do not have five years of CalPERS service time but qualify for retiree medical based on VTA/ATU pension retirement service and total VTA years of service.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
(Agenda Items #7.3)
MOVER: Cindy Chavez, Board Member
SECONDER: Jason Baker, Board Member
AYES: Baker, Carrasco, Chavez, Esteves, Kalra, Khamis, Whittum, Woodward
NOES: None
ABSENT: Bruins, Herrera, Liccardo, Yeager

M/S/C (Chavez/Baker) to adopt the following Resolutions approving CalPERS Medical for employees and retirees represented by TAEA, Local 21, effective January 1, 2016.

1. TAEA (CalPERS) Resolution No. 2015.10.38.
2. TAEA Survivor Resolution No. 2015.10.39 (CalPERS) - for Survivors of TAEA retirees.
3. TAEA (non-CalPERS) Resolution No. 2015.10.40 - for TAEA employees who do not have five years of CalPERS service time but qualify for retiree medical based on VTA/ATU pension retirement service and total VTA years of service.
4. TAEA Survivor Resolution No. 2015.10.41 (non-CalPERS) - for Survivors of TAEA employees who did not have five years of CalPERS service time but qualify for retiree medical based on VTA/ATU pension retirement and total VTA years of service.
RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
(Agenda Items #7.4)  
MOVER: Cindy Chavez, Board Member  
SECONDER: Jason Baker, Board Member  
AYES: Baker, Carrasco, Chavez, Esteves, Kalra, Khamis, Whittum, Woodward  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Bruins, Herrera, Liccardo, Yeager

**M/S/C (Chavez/Baker)** to rescind the ICMA Retirement Health Savings (RHS) Plan Number 803315 for employees represented by TAEA, Local 21, who are converting to CalPERS Medical plans, effective January 1, 2016. (Resolution No. 2012.01.12).

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
(Agenda Items #7.5)  
MOVER: Cindy Chavez, Board Member  
SECONDER: Jason Baker, Board Member  
AYES: Baker, Carrasco, Chavez, Esteves, Kalra, Khamis, Whittum, Woodward  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Bruins, Herrera, Liccardo, Yeager

### 2. AWARDS AND COMMENDATION

#### 2.1. Employees and Supervisor of the Quarter for the Fourth (4th) Quarter of 2015

Chairperson Woodward recognized Barbara McVay, Office Specialist II, River Oaks; Gerzain Hernandez, Coach Operator, Chaboya Operations, as Employees of the Quarter for the Fourth (4th) quarter of 2015; and Elena Valdez, Office Support Supervisor, Guadalupe Division, for Supervisor of the Quarter for the Fourth (4th) quarter of 2015. James Buckley, Transit Mechanic, Chaboya Maintenance, was unable to attend the meeting and was acknowledged as Employee of the Quarter for the 4th Quarter of 2015.

### 5. REPORTS

#### 5.3.B. Receive an update on iTeam and Caltrans District 4 Activities in Santa Clara County

John Ristow, Director of Planning and Program Development, introduced Bijan Sartipi, Caltrans District 4 Director, who provided a report on iTeam and Caltrans District 4 Activities in Santa Clara County.

Mr. Ristow provided a presentation entitled “iTeam Update & Initiatives,” highlighting: 1) iTeam History; 2) iTeam Accomplishments FY12/15; 3) iTeam Collaboration; and 4) iTeam Initiatives FY15/16-FY16/17.
Vice Chairperson Chavez made the following comments: 1) commended staff for the collaboration between the two agencies; 2) inquired about any partnerships to help with the graffiti problems and maintenance for the streets and highways; 3) asked about extra steps taken to address the constant problem areas; 4) commented that there is opportunity to work with the Sheriffs’ department for individuals to do Community Service, noting it would help with maintenance.

Mr. Sartipi reported that there are partnerships with the local Sheriffs, Highway Patrol and local municipalities. Mr. Sartipi further reported there are tallies to measure areas that need more monitoring. He noted that the best solution is to collaborate with many agencies to provide as many resources as possible to meet the needs of the area.

Board Member Khamis thanked staff for the swift removal of areas tagged with graffiti.

Board Member Esteves made the following comments: 1) expressed concern about the I-680 freeway corridor becoming homeless encampment; 2) expressed concern that the SR 237 Express Lanes has a negative impact on the community; 3) requested to take into consideration the impact on housing when doing construction on I-680; 4) noted the importance of Caltrans staff looking at the regional impacts; and 5) inquired about the soundwalls for Milpitas.

Mr. Sartipi reported that he will make sure staff looks into the homeless encampment along the I-680 corridor. Mr. Sartipi further reported that SR 237 now has a six-month pilot program that should help with the traffic flow, and depending on the results, Caltrans will determine what modifications need to be completed.

Chairperson Woodward thanked Mr. Sartipi for the work Caltrans is doing regarding roundabouts in Gilroy. Chairperson Woodward noted its success and the positive feedback it has received from the community.

Ms. Fernandez thanked Mr. Sartipi and Caltrans for their collaboration with VTA and noted that the iTeam working within VTA has been very successful.

**Public Comment**

Omar Chatty, Interested Citizen, made the following comments: 1) inquired about Caltrans safety report and Caltrans accountability as it relates to accidents; 2) expressed concern about the lack of funds to help fix SR 152 to reduce accidents; 3) inquired about Caltrans’ position on the relinquishment of El Camino Real; and 4) provided suggestions to help deter vandalism around SR 85 and Highway 101.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairperson Woodward noted that public comment is for items not on the agenda.

Rick Mauck, Interested Citizen, expressed opposition to dedicated lanes on El Camino Real Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), noting it would negatively impact the community. Mr. Mauck noted the importance of VTA staff publishing reports by consultants and third parties in a timely manner in order to address inadequacies.

Rob Means, Interested Citizen, referenced a handout he distributed and suggested the Board look into the Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) technology versus Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART). He requested a meeting with Ms. Fernandez to further discuss his suggestion.

Miguel Vasquez, Interested Citizen, shared with the Board his negative experience while riding a VTA Bus line 63 northbound. Mr. Vasquez hopes that the hostile Operator will be reprimanded.

The following VTA Employees and Members of Services Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 521, addressed the Board of Directors and made the following comments: 1) expressed their disappointment in Class and Compensation Study conducted by the Hay Group; 2) noted the importance of transparency; 3) expressed frustration with management not allowing the unions to be involved in the study; and 4) commented that the report is not an accurate assessment of jobs within Santa Clara County.

- Tammy Dhanota
- Karen Grimes
- Ethan Winston

Mr. Wightman provided suggestions to help with the mass crowd expected to attend Superbowl 50 at Levi’s Stadium. Mr. Wightman requested that VTA increase security on the Light Rail.

Gary Wesley, Interested Citizen, commented that VTA would not be able to get voters to approve a potential tax ballot measure and acquire lanes on El Camino for the BRT. Mr. Wesley suggested the Board rethink the BRT project on Alum Rock and El Camino Real.

Mark Balestra, El Camino Coalition, urged the Board to find alternative solutions to the current proposed dedicated lanes on El Camino. He noted the dedicated lanes would have a negative impact to the nearby neighborhoods and businesses along El Camino. Mr. Balestra referenced the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and noted the Independent Third Party analysis found that mixed flow was the best solution.

Elaine Baltao, Board Secretary, read into the record the comments provided by Indumathi, Interested Citizen, about the Blossom Hill Station needing upgrades, noting concern about the lack of maintenance at the station.
9. CLOSED SESSION

Robert Fabela, General Counsel, noted the matter to be considered under Closed Session 9.1.A.X relates to the Alum Rock Business Owners impacted by the Alum Rock BRT project.

Public Comment

Danny Garza, Interested Citizen, requested an open discussion regarding the Alum Rock Businesses and their finances.

The following business owners addressed the Board of Directors and made the following comments related to Closed Session Agenda Item 9.1.A.X: 1) stated the construction and the delay have driven away customers, noting it has significantly impacted their finances; 2) inquired about compensation for their financial losses due to the construction work; 3) noted the lack of communication from VTA and the construction company to the business owners along Alum Rock; 4) commented about the increase in vandalism, graffiti, prostitution, and crime in the area; 5) expressed strong opposition for continuing construction without solutions to help the impacted business owners; 6) noted that the prolonged construction in the area is not just affecting business owners’ families, but the family of employees that have lost their jobs and/or have reduced work hours due to lack of customers; 7) commented about the pavement work obstructing patron access to stores; 8) commented about the possibility of having to permanently close stores due to financial losses; and 9) urged the Board to help properly place signage to avoid collisions in the area.

- Luis Lourenco
- Isela Diaz De Paz
- Araceli Fonseca
- Dilanthi Perera
- Arnaldo Matos- property owner not able to lease
- Marleny Martinez
- Joanie Somora
- Joel Neri
- Jesus Flores
- Jesus Fernandez
- Virginia Fernandez

Peter Ortiz, East Side San Jose Community Organizer, made the following comments: 1) thanked the Board of Directors for hearing the major concerns of the local business owners; 2) noted the negative impacts of the construction project to business owners; 3) urged the Board to put a stop to the construction until there is an adequate plan in place; 4) noted the importance of the business owners having the Board’s support; and 5) commented about the need for safety in the area.
Dacia Faria, Interested Citizen, commented that she is a resident in the area and works from home. She informed the Board that she has been a victim of a home invasion. In addition to the home invasion, neighbors have found needles in their yards and driveways are constantly being blocked. Ms. Faria noted local police have indicated that the poor lighting tends to bring crime, so she urged the Board to take steps to help prevent the increasing vandalism in her neighborhood.

Dennis King, Director of Small Developers, expressed concern about the major issues regarding safety and economic justice. Mr. King is hoping to find ways where VTA and the business owners can come together and come up with a solution.

Joseph B Vieira, Interested Citizen, commented that he is a resident of East Side San Jose. Mr. Vieira expressed frustration with VTA staff about the project. He noted the Community meetings held by VTA staff did not provide any comfort since most staff could not provide answers to the community’s questions.

Chris Lepe, Transform, commented about the situation surrounding Alum Rock businesses and the residents in the area. Mr. Lepe noted the need for the following: 1) community engagement; 2) support programs to sustain businesses along Alum Rock; and 3) the lessons that could be learned from this experience.

9.1. **Recessed to Closed Session at 7:23 p.m.**

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

   Existing Litigation - Conference with Legal Counsel
   [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]

   Name of Case: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority v. Montague Parkway Assoc., et al.
   (Santa Clara County Superior Court Case No.: 1-12-CV-220334)

   Name of Case: Montague Parkway Assoc., et al. v. Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
   (Santa Clara County Superior Court Case No.: 1-15-CV-281544)

9.1.A.X Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

   Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph 2 of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9.

   Number of Cases: 1
B. (Removed from the Agenda)

Conference with Labor Negotiators
(Government Code Section 54957.6)

VTA Designated Representatives
Rudy Medina, Employee Relations Manager
Alberto Lara, Director of Business Services
Raj Srinath, Chief Financial Officer

Employee Organization
Transportation Authority Engineers and Architects Association (TAEA), IFPTE, Local 21

9.2. Reconvened to Open Session at 8:05 p.m.

9.3. Closed Session Report

9.1.A.X Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph 2 of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9.

Number of Cases: 1

Mr. Fabela noted there a report regarding 9.1.A.X, and that the Board authorized Vice Chairperson Chavez to provide the report.

Vice Chairperson Chavez thanked the public and the Alum Rock business owners for speaking and providing feedback. Vice Chairperson Chavez offered a sincere apology on behalf of the Board and VTA.

Vice Chairperson Chavez noted that the Board has agreed to move in the following two general directions:

1) Through a third party special master such as a retired judge, VTA will make financial disbursements to the businesses along Alum Rock. There will be a process that will be outlined and presented at the November 2015, Board meeting.

2) During the term of this next year, VTA will provide additional security and graffiti clean-up for the businesses along Alum Rock. VTA will work with a non-profit partner to expand a marketing campaign. VTA staff will present a Communication Plan and the staffing to present that plan also in the Alum Rock corridor. Also, during the 2015 holiday season, VTA will work with the businesses to light the trees and put up holiday decorations along the Alum Rock corridor to remind people that businesses are open.

Chairperson Woodward noted that it was the unanimous will of the Board to take the necessary steps listed by Vice Chairperson Chavez.
7. REGULAR AGENDA (continued)

7.5.X (Removed from the Regular Agenda and placed on the Consent Agenda.)

Authorize the General Manager to exercise the option to purchase 90 standard forty foot hybrid buses and 10 express hybrid buses from Gillig LLC at a cost not to exceed $71,559,512.

7.6. Santa Clara-Alum Rock Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project Status

Board Member Kalra provided a brief report on the Administration & Finance Committee held on September 17, 2015, and introduced Carolyn Gonot, Director of Engineering & Transportation Infrastructure Development.

Ms. Gonot introduced Mohamed Basma, Transportation Engineering Manager, who provided a presentation entitled “Santa Clara-Alum Rock BRT Project,” highlighting 1) Project Overview; 2) Background; 3) Current Conditions; 4) Construction Plan to Complete Project; and 5) Summary Schedule.

Board Member Kalra left the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Ms. Gonot noted that the goal going forward is to remove most construction cones along the corridor by Thanksgiving. Ms. Gonot further noted that a contractor has been hired and is currently working to get the streetlights fixed. She will continue to address the community’s concerns regarding safety and making sure buses adhere to the signs and slow down.

On order of Chairperson Woodward and there being no objection the Committee received a presentation on Santa Clara-Alum Rock Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project Status.

7.7. (Deferred)

Receive an update on Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) analysis.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

5. REPORTS (continued)

5.1. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)/2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) Chairperson’s Report

There was no Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Chairperson’s report.

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

Chairperson Woodward noted that the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) report was in the Board Members’ reading folders and on the public table.
5.3. General Manager’s Report

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

- Ridership Report for August 2015, noting total system ridership slightly decreased by .2%. Ms. Fernandez commented that the decrease could be caused by the lower gas prices when compared to last year.

- On September 14, 2015, VTA, along with the City of Santa Clara, the Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Department Transit Patrol Division, the NFL, the 49ers, Allied Telesis and Arini Geographics, were recognized by the White House’s Smart City initiative. Ms. Fernandez noted this technology enables the agencies to share security information across one platform in real-time.

- The El Camino Real Rapid Transit Policy Advisory Board met on September 30, 2015, and received a presentation from the members of the Steering Committee and authors of the report regarding the Independent Third Party review of VTA’s traffic analysis. Ms. Fernandez further reported staff will be preparing a high level analysis regarding new alternatives.

- On September 23, 2015, VTA held the Hispanic Heritage Symposium and thanked Vice Chairperson Chavez and Board Member Carrasco for attending.

- VTA will partner with Second Harvest Food Bank to support World Food Day by donating non-perishable food.

- Announced September 2015 is National Rail Safety Month and shared a Safety and Security video that VTA co-produced with the interns from Cristo Rey Jesuit High School.

- Introduced Captain David Lera, Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Department, who reported on Security and Public Safety, highlighting the following: 1) August and September 2015 statistics for the Sheriff Transit Patrol and citations from the VTA Fare Inspectors; 2) commented about the success of a Safety Blitz, which was to help educate individuals about safety and included a joint effort with social services, law enforcements and transit agencies; and 3) noted the increase in Mental Health arrests stating there is a direct connection with the increased patrol through the night.

5.3.A Silicon Valley Rapid Transit (SVRT) Program Update

Ms. Fernandez noted that the Policy Working Committee will be held on October 5, 2015 and a SVRT update will be provided then.

5.3.C Government Affairs Update

Ms. Fernandez noted the Government Affairs update has been placed in the Board Members’ reading folders.
5.4. Chairperson’s Report

Chairperson Woodward announced that the Board approved the initial list of projects for Envision Silicon Valley. Chairperson Woodward commented that the projects will continue to be evaluated using the Board-adopted goals and criteria.

Chairperson Woodward requested that the Board review the 2016 proposed Board calendar contained in the Agenda packet and to inform the Office of the Board Secretary of any conflicts.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2015

M/S/C (Baker/Carrasco) to approve the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2015.

6.2. Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Appointment: Mountain View

M/S/C (Baker/Carrasco) to ratify the appointment of Greg Unangst to the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee, representing the City of Mountain View, for the remainder of the two-year term ending June 30, 2016.

6.3. Clipper Fare Collection System Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

M/S/C (Baker/Carrasco) to authorize the General Manager to execute the Amended and Restated Clipper® Memorandum of Understanding with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and other transit operators, clarify their respective roles and responsibilities, define roles and responsibilities for a newly defined Contracting Agency, establish a Clipper® Executive Board, establish a Clipper® Executive Director, and revise the cost allocation formula to ensure the successful operation and maintenance of Clipper®.


M/S/C (Baker/Carrasco) to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract amendment with Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board in the amount of $1,600,000 for a new contract value of $3,082,000 to provide Construction Support for the Mountain View Double Track Project.

6.5. Rail Rehabilitation - Signal and Track Improvements Contract Amendment with Shimmick Construction Company for Additional Work to Install a Track Crossover near Lick Mill Station

M/S/C (Baker/Carrasco) to authorize the General Manager to amend Contract C13134F Rail Rehabilitation - Signal and Track Improvements contract with Shimmick Construction Company in an amount of $850,000 for a total contract amount of $6,951,358 for additional work to install a track crossover near Lick Mill Station.

M/S/C (Baker/Carrasco) to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract amendment with CH2M Hill Inc. for an additional $1,200,000 for a new contract total amount of $21,668,963 and extend the contract term to March 31, 2017 to perform additional final design services and provide design support during construction for the Santa Clara Alum Rock Bus Rapid Transit Project.

6.7 **Amend the C831 Property Restoration and Completion Contract for Santa Clara-Alum Rock Bus Rapid Transit Project with George Bianchi Construction, Inc.**

M/S/C (Baker/Carrasco) to authorize the General Manager to amend the C831 Property Restoration and Completion Contract with George Bianchi Construction, Inc., by an amount of $4,000,000 for a total contract amount of $6,041,505 for additional completion work for the Santa Clara Alum Rock Bus Rapid Transit Project.

6.8. **2016 State Transportation Improvement Program**

M/S/C (Baker/Carrasco) to approve project priorities for State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds.

6.9. **Deferred**

Authorize General Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Council of San Benito County Governments to formalize a partnership to provide direction on the development of the SR 152 Trade Corridor project and request Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Board of Directors to appoint two members from Santa Clara County to serve on the partnership.

6.10. **Envision Silicon Valley Preliminary Project List**

M/S/C (Baker/Carrasco) to approve the List of Projects received from VTA’s Call for Projects and direct staff to submit the complete list to the Metropolitan Transpiration Commission for consideration of inclusion in the Regional Transportation Plan.

6.11. **Appointments to the State Route (SR) 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board**

M/S/C (Baker/Carrasco) to approve the appointments to the State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board.
6.12. **Cooperative Agreement with the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain) for Real Property Acquisitions in Santa Clara County that are required for the Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project (PCEP)**

M/S/C (Baker/Carrasco) on a vote of 7 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, 1 recusal to authorize the General Manager to negotiate and execute a Cooperative Agreement (Agreement) with the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain) regarding the parties’ responsibilities for real property acquisitions in Santa Clara County that are required for the Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project (PCEP). This authorization would also permit staff to agendize hearings for its Board to consider the adoption of resolutions of necessity if negotiated acquisition activities were unsuccessful. Board Member Whittum recused.


M/S/C (Baker/Carrasco) to receive information on the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Insurance Program.

6.14. **Legislative Update Matrix**

M/S/C (Baker/Carrasco) to review the Legislative Update Matrix.

6.15. **Monthly Investment Report for July 2015**


6.16. **Update on iTEAM Activities**

M/S/C (Baker/Carrasco) to receive update on iTEAM Activities and Initiatives for Fiscal Year 2016 and Fiscal Year 2017.

6.17. **Programmed Project Monitoring - Quarterly Report**

M/S/C (Baker/Carrasco) to receive the Programmed Projects Quarterly Monitoring Report for April-June 2015.


M/S/C (Baker/Carrasco) to receive an update on State Route 237 Express Lanes Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Report.

6.19. **(Deferred)**

Receive information on the Dynamic Transit Service Pilot Program Implementation.

6.20. **Transit Service Changes - October 2015**

M/S/C (Baker/Carrasco) to receive a report on the October 2015 Transit Service Changes.
7.5.X  **Bus Procurement Exercise 100 Bus Option**

M/S/C (Baker/Carrasco) to authorize the General Manager to exercise the option to purchase 90 standard forty foot hybrid buses and 10 express hybrid buses from Gillig LLC at a cost not to exceed $71,559,512.

8.  **OTHER ITEMS**

8.1.  **ITEMS OF CONCERN AND REFERRAL TO ADMINISTRATION**

There were no Items of Concern and Referral to Administration.

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

8.2.A.  **VTA Standing Committees**

- Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Program Working Committee (SVRT PWC) – There was no report.
- Governance and Audit Committee – The September 3, 2015, Minutes were accepted as contained in the Agenda Packet.
- Transit Planning & Operations (TP&O) Committee – The September 16, 2015, Minutes were accepted as contained in the Agenda Packet.
- Congestion Management Program & Planning (CMPP) Committee – The September 17, 2015, Minutes were accepted as contained in the Agenda Packet.
- Administration & Finance (A&F) Committee – The September 17, 2015, Minutes were accepted as contained on the dais.

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) – The September 9, 2015, Minutes were accepted as contained in the Agenda Packet.
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) – The September 9, 2015, Minutes were accepted as contained in the Agenda Packet.
- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – The September 10, 2015, Minutes were accepted as contained in the Agenda Packet.
- Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) – The September 10, 2015, Minutes were accepted as contained in the Agenda Packet.
8.2.C. **VTA Policy Advisory Boards (PAB)**

- Downtown East Valley PAB – There was no report.
- Diridon Station Joint Policy Advisory Board – 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 – The October 1, 2015, Summary Notes were accepted as contained on the dais.
- Capitol Corridor JPB – The September 16, 2015, Summary Notes were accepted as contained on the dais.
- Dumbarton Rail Corridor Policy Committee – There was no report.
- Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) – The September 23, 2015, Summary Notes were accepted as contained.
- Sunol Smart Carpool Lane Joint Powers Authority – There was no report.
- SR 152 Mobility Partnership – There was no report.

8.3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Board Member Khamis announced that San Jose will be hosting the Women’s Gymnastics Olympic auditions on July 8, 2015 and July 10, 2015 at the SAP Center.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

*On order of Chairperson Woodward* and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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