1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Workshop Meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority’s (VTA) Board of Directors was called to order by Chairperson Chavez at 9:19 a.m. at the VTA River Oaks Campus, Building A, Auditorium, 3331 North First Street, San José, California.

1.1. ROLL CALL

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A quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Savita Vaidhyanathan, Interested Citizen, suggested QR codes or a website link be used at bus stops or aboard vehicles so that riders can provide comments on things they would like to see.

Eugene Bradley, Interested Citizen, expressed concern with recent transit vehicle involved fatalities and questioned if there will be additional driver training.
3. WORKSHOP ITEMS

3.1. Silicon Valley Leadership Group's Polling

Carl Guardino, President and CEO, Silicon Valley Leadership Group (SVLG), provided a presentation, highlighting: 1) Poll results; 2) Ballot language; 3) November 2015 ballot language; 4) Component parts; 5) Affordability; and 6) Confidence in government.

Public Comment

Mr. Bradley expressed the need that transit for all be emphasized in the ballot measure.

Philip Mahoney, Cornish and Carey Commercial, expressed support of the SVLG plan and concern with congestion and its impact on the quality of life in the community.

Rod Sinks, Council Member, City of Cupertino, expressed approval of projects in the plan, noting transit is essential and housing and transportation challenges need to be addressed.

Timm Borden, City of Cupertino, provided comment on funding the State Route 85 project alignment and the need for mass transit and dedicated lanes.

The Board discussed the following: 1) additional survey; and 2) possibility of other taxes being on the ballot.

On order of Chairperson Chavez and there being no objection, the Board received a report on the Silicon Valley Leadership Group's Polling.

Agenda Items #3.2 and #3.3 were heard together.

Agenda Items #3.2 - #3.3

3.2. Envision Silicon Valley Update

3.3. Staff Recommended Framework for the Potential ½-cent 30-year Sales Tax Measure

Nuria I. Fernandez, General Manager, provided a brief overview of the Envision Silicon Valley (ESV) Plan.

Scott Haywood, Transportation Planning Manager, and John Ristow, Director of Planning and Program Development, provided a presentation, highlighting: 1) Ad Hoc - Envision Silicon Valley Committee; 2) VTA advisory committees; 3) Community outreach; 4) Digital; 5) Microsite and Textizen Surveys; 6) Microsite Transportation Challenge; 7) Envision actions; 8) Goals, purpose and process; 9) Adopted goals; 10) Call for projects; 11) Evaluation criteria; 12) Project analysis; 13) Sample report cards; and 14) expenditure scenarios; 15) Tax measure basics; 16) Potential measure with other funding sources; 17) Questions for Board Members; 18) Funding allocation – staff recommendation; 19) BART Phase II; 20) Envision Silicon Valley; 21) Bicycle and pedestrian program; 22) Caltrain capacity improvements; 23) Caltrain grade separations; 24) County expressways; 25) Highway program;
26) Local streets and roads; 27) State Route 85 Corridor; 28) Transit operations and amenities; 29) Matching funds; 30) Benefits; and 31) Next steps.

**Public Comment**

Doug Muirhead, Interested Citizen, expressed concern with Caltrain improvements, possible changes under the Transit Ridership Improvement Program (TRIP) and not seeing the original list of projects.

Deborah Levoy, Interested Citizen, expressed the need for more frequent bus service and thanked staff for Caltrain, bus funding and for keeping lifeline services.

Mary Gilbert, San Benito County Government, expressed the need for improvements to relieve congestion in the Highway 25 and Highway 101 corridor and noted she looks forward to working in partnership with VTA.

Dolores Nelson, Plantronics, expressed concern with traffic congestion in the region.

Monica Gomez, Applied Materials, expressed concern with commute and congestion in Silicon Valley and expressed the need for the sales tax measure.

Tom Harrington, Intuit, commended VTA on the Envision process and noted support of the SVLG draft plan.

Poncho Guevara, Sacred Heart, commented on the need for improvements and balance for transit dependent populations and noted support for an increase to at least $500 million in improvements for transit operations.

Mark Romoser, Silicon Valley Independent Living Center, expressed support for equity in the system throughout the county, the need for improvements for those who are transit dependent, and for additional funds in transit improvements.

Robert Brownstein, Working Partnerships, noted one of the priorities should be to achieve balance by approving proposals and improvements to the core bus system. He noted support for additional funding for transit operations and discounted fare programs.

Adina Levin, Friends of Caltrain, expressed support for the tax measure and expressed appreciation for looking at increasing transit ridership.

John Zhao, Students for Sustainable Stanford, expressed the need to fix the transit network and move away from auto centered transportation.

Nancy Smith, Nvidia, expressed concern with Caltrain safety noting needed improvements in grade separations.

Colin Heyne, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, expressed support for multi-modal transit, noting the need for more bike and pedestrian facilities that feed into the larger transportation network.

Stan Nakaso, Lockheed Martin, expressed support for the SVLG plan and noted the need to address traffic congestion.

Ron Gonzalez, Former Mayor of San Jose, urged staff to make this the best measure to present to voters and not take 27 more years to build BART.

Steve Joesten, Moffett Park Business Group, encouraged the Board to move forward with the tax measure to support economic vitality in the region.
Ramses Madou, Stanford University, expressed concern with crowded trains, noting the need to add capacity.

David Coale, Interested Citizen, expressed the need to address climate change and greenhouse gas reductions in the tax measure and recommended reducing highway and expressway projects.

Victor Gomez, Vice Mayor, City of Hollister, expressed support for the SVLG plan and expressed the need to address issues in South County on Highway 101 and Highway 25.

Darlene Gee, HNTB Corporation, expressed support for the SVLG plan.

Millicent Kenney, Santa Clara University, expressed support for the SVLG plan and bringing BART to Silicon Valley.

Raul Laboria, WLB Parsons Brinkerhoff, expressed support for the SVLG plan and expressed concern with traffic congestion.

Erin Brennock, Synopsis, expressed support for the SVLG plan and expressed concern with the lack of frequent and convenient transportation options.

Chris O’Connor, SVLG, noted the need for a tax measure and encouraged the Board to take the transportation measure to the November ballot.

Simon Kim, AECOM, expressed support for the SVLG plan.

Bill Wagner, HMH Engineers, expressed support of the SVLG proposal and VTA current practices of delivering projects on time and within budget.

Joe Young, Sacred Heart, expressed the need for transit services for the senior community.

Jeral Poskey, Google, noted support for extra funding needed in North County and expressed appreciation for the SVLG plan.

Andrea Mackenzie, Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority, thanked staff for a balanced approach and expanding transportation choices for bike and pedestrian projects that close gaps and provide trail connections.

Easy Conejo, Interested Citizen, expressed the need for bus passes for seniors.

Pat Liter, Transit Justice Alliance, expressed the need for equity for seniors, the disabled, youth and low-income individuals and noted a viable transportation system is needed to provide quality of life for all.

Jason Lundgaard, Apple, expressed support for the SVLG plan noting the allocation of funds is balanced geographically and across all transportation modes.

Diana Salazar, Sacred Heart, expressed the need for services to be accessible and used by everyone. She expressed support for the increase in funding for transit operations.

Leticia, Sacred Heart, expressed the importance of having frequent and affordable service.

Esperanza, Sacred Heart, expressed the need for affordable transit for students, persons with disabilities, seniors and low wage workers.

Araceli, Sacred Heart, expressed the need to make transit more accessible, frequent and affordable.
Zena Zendejas, Alliance for Climate Education, expressed concern with greenhouse gases and climate change and expressed the need for more alternative forms of transportation.

Thomas Hiltner, Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District, expressed support for the ESV plan and requested expanded capital funding and employment of electric buses.

Cory Wolbach, Palo Alto City Council, expressed concern with the plan missing explicit support for Transportation Management Associations and transportation demand management where the success metric would be mobility and congestion relief, and noted he would like to see it emphasized.

Mr. Bradley suggested staff put more money towards transit and less towards highways.

Peter Leroe-Munoz, Vice Mayor, City of Gilroy, encouraged support for the SVLG plan and the outline for improvements in the South County.

Suleima Ochoa, DeAnza College Student, expressed the need for improvements in the network and sustainable and equitable transit for all.

Chris Lepe, TransForm, thanked the Board and staff for public outreach. He expressed concern with methodology and noted an analysis based on per dollar spent showed bus operations and bike pedestrian projects take VTA in a better direction than highway and expressway funding as it relates to vehicle miles travelled and greenhouse gasses.

Omar Vasquez, Luna, commented that issues of seniors, students, persons with disabilities, and low-income population should be the priority and requested staff bring back the day pass.

Mr. Sinks expressed support for the SVLG plan and expressed concern with congestion, noting the need for real transit projects, especially in the State Route 85 corridor.

Josue Gregorio, Interested Citizen, expressed the need for bus improvements.

Akos Szoboszlay, Interested Citizen, admonished the Board to encourage sales tax projects that will not increase vehicle traffic.

Rita Hutabarat Lo, Nelson/Nygaard, questioned some of the evaluation criteria and expressed the importance of selecting criteria that accurately reflects goals and suggested managing travel demand as a more specific measure.

Eunice Hernandez, Interested Citizen, expressed concern with Caltrain fares not being accessible for low income riders and expressed the need for additional funding for transit operations.

Lou Ramondetta, Surplus Service, expressed support for the SVLG plan and indicated he would like to be able to take BART wherever he needs to go and would like to see the type of transit provided in Europe developed in the Bay Area.

Josue Garcia, Building and Construction Trades Council, expressed support for the SVLG recommendation, noting the opportunities that will be created for construction companies and workers.

Matthew Reed, Sacred Heart, expressed the need to invest in transportation for the senior population, to increase mobility and make them an active part of the community.
The Board discussed the following: 1) funding amounts; 2) transit improvements; 3) bike and pedestrian project improvements; and 4) agreement with funding categories.

Board Member Liccardo expressed agreement with the funding categories. He expressed the need to improve core bus service and agreed with the increase to $500 million in funding for transit improvements. He stressed the need to work together to get the measure passed.

Board Member Esteves expressed the need to upgrade and expand State Route 237, citing the current congestion and growing job sites along the corridor. He noted support for BART funding and increase in funding for transit improvements.

Board Member Yeager thanked Mr. Guardino for his work. He expressed support for the following: 1) additional funding for transit operations; 2) the BART project; 3) Caltrain improvements; and 4) bike and trail improvements. He thanked staff for their outreach and for listening to the public.

Board Member Khamis expressed support of the tax measure and expressed concern with current polling percentage. He suggested the following: 1) fixing streets and roads; 2) extending Caltrain to South County to help ease congestion; and 3) putting more funds in the budgets of local governments.

Board Member Hendricks expressed support for the categories and making sure the measure gets passed to help improve transportation in the valley. He did not agree with the amount of funding, but noted the right overall distribution and allocation is an appropriate compromise. He admonished staff to limit more changes. Board Member Hendricks expressed the need for transparency and accountability to the Board and for the Board to be clear and transparent to the public if changes in direction of using the funds are needed.

Board Member Baker expressed support for increasing funding to transit operations and the recommendation from staff. He suggested the following: 1) be conservative with expenditures; 2) finish projects from the last measure; and 3) look at match requirements to get roadways complete.

Alternate Board Member Carr shared several points from the Policy Advisory Committee, including: 1) need to fund BART to completion, but noted spending should be capped; 2) no local match within the program; and 3) no complete streets requirements within the program.

Alternate Board Member Carr noted the right categories are listed but there needs to be flexibility within programs. He expressed concern with no improvements or benefits for Caltrain in South County to better connect with the rest of the transit network and noted support for additional funding for transit operations.

Alternate Board Member Miller provided the following comments: 1) expressed the need to be transparent in order to get funding; 2) jobs and housing have grown, but the region falls short in planning to reduce greenhouse gases and deal with inequities; 3) land use needs to be addressed; 4) come up with a funding and financing plan for projects and provide more transparency as an order of execution; 5) match qualifications need to be refined; and 6) noted the miscalculation of noise on State Route 85. Alternate Board Member Miller noted he is fully supportive of the numbers and is grateful for the process.
Vice Chairperson Bruins thanked everyone involved and expressed support for the measure, noting the following: 1) the need to be conservative and not overpromise; 2) supports idea of increasing funds for transit operations and asked staff to really look at how it will be done; 3) questioned the possibility of moving funds to Safe Routes to School and considering allocating funds to areas instead of making it a competitive program; and 4) be transparent, manage change over the years and be flexible.

Alternate Board Member McAlister expressed concern with climate control, noting the need to get people out of cars and moving them effectively and efficiently around the valley. He also expressed concern with congestion on State Route 237.

Board Member Nguyen expressed support of the measure emphasizing the urgency of fixing roads. He noted the BART project is critical to the region and expressed the need to finish Phase II. Board Member Nguyen also expressed concern with transportation and affordable housing, noting those need to be addressed.

Chairperson Chavez provided the following comments: 1) noted agreement with the categories and funding and supports increasing transit operations funding from $450 million to $500 million; 2) noted staff will have the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) address the issue of matching funds; and 3) noted how critical having a land use policy relative to joint development is and having VTA play a stronger role in discussions.

Mr. Guardino noted the following: 1) need to stay conservative in revenue estimates to guarantee delivery for voters; 2) stay committed to a system-wide approach; 3) stay specific in use of taxpayer dollars; and 4) stay true to values.

Mr. Guardino noted the SVLG is comfortable with adding $50 million to the transit operations category.

Chairperson Chavez provided next steps in the process and noted additional opportunities for weigh-in. She indicated the objective is to get to Board adoption on June 2, 2016. She thanked staff for their work and for going through all of the projects.

4. OTHER ITEMS

4.1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Announcements.

5. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Chavez and there being no objection, the Board of Directors Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Menominee L. McCarter, Board Assistant
VTA Office of the Board Secretary