



**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
and
2000 MEASURE A CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)/2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Wadler in Conference Room B-104, VTA River Oaks Campus, 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Stephen Blaylock	Member	Absent
Clinton Brownley	Member	Present
Bena Chang	Member	Present
Chris Elias	Member	Present
Sharon Fredlund	Vice Chairperson	Present
William Hadaya	Member	Absent
Ray Hashimoto	Member	Absent
Roberta Hughan	Member	Present
Aaron Morrow	Member	Present
Charlotte Powers	Member	Present
Lucas Ramirez	Member	Present
Connie Rogers	Member	Present
Stephen Schmoll	Member	Present
Martin Schulter	Member	Absent
Noel Tebo	Member	Present
Herman Wadler	Chairperson	Present

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

The Agenda was taken out of order.

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Member Morrow referenced the January 7, 2016, VTA Board of Directors Auditor General Report on the Paratransit Operations Analysis noting Outreach has been a long standing non-profit in this community for over 40 years and has played an important role in the disabled community. He encouraged VTA to invite the disabled community to join in finding a fair and equitable solution if the contract is rebid.

Member Powers arrived at the meeting, took her seat at 4:03 p.m.,
and a quorum was established.

2. **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

M/S/C (Fredlund/Ramirez) to accept the Orders of the Day, and approve the Consent Agenda.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] <u>(Orders of the Day and Consent Agenda Items # 10-13)</u>
MOVER:	Fredlund, Member
SECONDER:	Ramirez, Member
AYES:	Brownley, Chang, Fredlund, Hughan, Morrow, Powers, Ramirez, Rogers, Wadler
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Blaylock, Elias, Hadaya, Hashimoto, Schmoll, Schulter, Tebo

Members Tebo and Schmoll arrived and took their seats at 4:05 p.m.

4. **Election Process for 2016 CAC Committee Leadership: Conduct Elections**

Stephen Flynn, Senior Management Analyst and Advisory Committee Coordinator, provided a brief overview of the election process.

Member Tebo reiterated that the Nomination Subcommittee nominated the following slate of candidates for the 2016 elections: 1) Vice Chairperson Herman Wadler for Chairperson; and 2) Member Sharon Fredlund for Vice Chairperson.

Member Elias arrived and took his seat at 4:07 p.m.

Vice Chairperson Wadler opened the nominations from the floor for the position of Chairperson for 2016.

M/S/C (Rogers/Powers) to close nominations and elect Herman Wadler as Chairperson for 2016.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rogers, Member
SECONDER:	Powers, Member
AYES:	Brownley, Chang, Elias, Fredlund, Hughan, Morrow, Powers, Ramirez, Rogers, Schmoll, Tebo, Wadler
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Blaylock, Hadaya, Hashimoto, Schulter

Chairperson Wadler opened nominations from the floor for the position of Vice Chairperson for 2016.

M/S/C (Chang/Rogers) to close nominations and elect Sharon Fredlund as Vice Chairperson for 2016.

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Chang, Member
SECONDER:	Rogers, Member
AYES:	Brownley, Chang, Elias, Fredlund, Hughan, Morrow, Powers, Ramirez, Rogers, Schmoll, Tebo, Wadler
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Blaylock, Hadaya, Hashimoto, Schuller

On behalf of VTA Staff, Mr. Flynn extended thanks to Members Hadaya and Wadler for their service to VTA and the community.

5. Committee Staff Report

Aaron Quigley, Senior Policy Analyst and Staff Liaison, introduced Nuria I. Fernandez, General Manager and CEO.

- **Report from the General Manager**

Ms. Fernandez thanked Members of the Committee for their dedication and service to the community. She congratulated Chairperson Wadler and Vice Chairperson Fredlund on their elections.

Ms. Fernandez provided a report on the accomplishments for 2015, highlighting: 1) VTA’s participation in the Stand Up 4 Transportation rally; 2) VTA’s BART Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension Project is beyond the halfway construction mark; 3) completion of New Eastridge Transit Center; 4) completion of the I-280/I-880 Stevens Creek Interchange Improvements Project; 5) deliver of service to major events; 6) completion of all 2015 Board of Directors priorities; 6) project awards received; 7) innovation at VTA; and 8) completion of Mountain View Double Track Project and Lic Mill Crossover.

Ms. Fernandez announced the following: 1) launch of FLEX on January 14, 2016; 2) completion of Super Bowl 50 Light Rail Train Wrap; and 3) roll out of the sixty-foot articulated, clean energy buses on January 4, 2016; and 4) 2016 Priorities.

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) VTA’s response to the cities’ request to focus on and conduct a comprehensive study on the State Route (SR) 85 corridor; 2) expressed concern that El Camino BRT could jeopardize the proposed 2016 ballot measure; 3) noted VTA has a good reputation and does well on polling numbers; 4) thanked VTA for the Alum Rock BRT community activities, and queried about the tentative completion date; 5) next steps for the Eastridge Light Rail Extension; and 6) Silicon Valley Rapid Transit (SVRT) Phase II options based on availability of funding.

On order of Chairperson Wadler and there being no objection, the Committee received the Committee Staff Report.

6. Envision Silicon Valley Update

John Sighamony, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a report on Envision Silicon Valley, highlighting the following: 1) project evaluation; 2) stakeholder meetings scheduled for February, 2016; 3) estimated completion of preliminary evaluation of projects in April, 2016; 4) tentative final project list in August, 2016; and 5) final list will be submitted for the November, 2016, ballot.

On order of Chairperson Wadler and there being no objection, the Committee received the Envision Silicon Valley Update.

7. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Wadler reported the 522 Articulated Bus is available for viewing, and is located outside the breezeway near the levy.

Mr. Flynn stated Member Hadaya was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but indicated he had previously approved Member Chang's temporary attendance waiver for maternity leave beginning March, 2016.

8. Committee for Transit Accessibility (CTA) Report

There was no Committee for Transit Accessibility (CTA) Report.

9. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Report

Chairperson Wadler noted **Agenda Item #12**, Countywide Bicycle Plan Update-Draft Outreach Plan, may be contentious at the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting. He stated the current plan is a temporary fix and not a solution to the current safety issues.

On order of Chairperson Wadler and there being no objection, the Committee received the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Report.

Member Morrow left the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

COMBINED CAC AND 2000 MEASURE A CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE CONSENT AGENDAS

10. Regular Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2015

M/S/C (Fredlund/Ramirez) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2015.

11. CAC 2015 Year-End Attendance Report

M/S/C (Fredlund/Ramirez) to receive the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) 2015 Year-End Attendance Report.

12. Countywide Bicycle Plan Update-Draft Outreach Plan

M/S/C (Fredlund/Ramirez) to receive the Countywide Bicycle Plan Update-Draft Outreach Plan.

13. Legislative Update Matrix

M/S/C (Fredlund/Ramirez) to review the Legislative Update Matrix.

2000 MEASURE A CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA

14. BART Silicon Valley Program Semi-Annual Update

Dennis Ratcliffe, Deputy Director SVRT Program, presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled “BART Silicon Valley Program Semi-Annual Update,” highlighting the following: 1) SVBX Project Integrated Summary Schedule; 2) SVRT Program Cost Summary; 3) SVBX Project Cost Summary; 4) Earned Progress Measurement Curve; 5) C700 Contract Summary; 6) Status of Contracts; 7) VTA’s BART Silicon Valley Phase I Construction Progress; 8) Community Outreach Activities; and 9) Phase II Activities.

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) queried if El Nino weather would impact construction activities; 2) BART Warm Springs project forecast and impact; and 3) incorporating solar panels in C730 – Design/Building Campus Parking Structures.

Mr. Ratcliffe continued on with his presentation highlighting BART Phase II Activities, noting the effort is centered on working with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and preparing the environmental documents.

Vice Chairperson Fredlund requested VTA provide the Committee with information on the geographic breakdown and members of the Community Working Groups.

On order of Chairperson Wadler and there being no objection, the Committee received the BART Silicon Valley Program Semi-Annual Update.

15. (Deferred to February 10, 2016, Citizens Advisory Committee and 2000 Measure A Citizen Watchdog Committee (CAC/CWC) Meeting.)

Review of 2000 Measure A Citizen Watchdog Committee Duties, Responsibilities and Limitations

Due to time constraints staff recommended, and the Committee agreed, to defer this item to the next meeting. Additionally, Mr. Flynn noted the Subcommittee is working on the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Compliance Auditor, and the process is moving forward.

On order of Chairperson Wadler and there being no objection, the Committee deferred receiving the Review of 2000 Measure A Citizen Watchdog Committee Duties, Responsibilities and Limitations.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA

16. Local Program Reserve Reallocation

Amin Surani, Principal Transportation and Planning Manager, provided the staff report noting there is no impact to Measure A Funding.

M/S/C (Rogers/Elias) to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors approve reallocation of Local Program Reserve (LPR) Savings of \$1,844,000 to the SR237 Express Lanes Phase II, US101 Auxiliary Lanes, and SR87 Corridor Study.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rogers, Member
SECONDER: Elias, Member
AYES: Brownley, Chang, Elias, Fredlund, Hughan, Powers, Ramirez, Rogers, Schmoll, Tebo, Wadler
NOES: None
ABSENT: Blaylock, Hadaya, Hashimoto, Morrow, Schulter

17. Striping Improvements on Page Mill Road at I-280 Interchange

Lauren Ledbetter, Senior Transportation Planner, provided the staff report.

Chairperson Wadler stated the Palo Alto BPAC has indicated the recommended striping will not promote bicyclist safety, and recommends that a second stop light be installed at the location.

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) expressed concern about the speed differential between bicyclists and motorists at this location; 2) noted a preference to install a traffic signal at the eastern ramp; 3) public perception must be considered; and 4) queried if the study can consider further safety improvements beyond signing and striping that can be implemented in the short term. The Committee and staff discussed the importance of immediate interim safety improvements while waiting for the longer phased approach which includes reconfiguring the interchange with a roundabout and signal.

Vice Chairperson Fredlund requested the motion be amended to add any enhancements that can be combined with the striping, such as other signage and lighting that can be completed in a more timely fashion.

M/S/C (Fredlund/Chang) on a vote of 11 Ayes, 0 Noes, and 1 Abstention to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to: 1) Enter into inter-agency agreements as needed with Santa Clara County Roads and Airports Department, City of Palo Alto, Town of Los Altos Hills, and Caltrans for design and construction of Interim Signing, Striping Improvements, and due consideration of any other safety enhancements on Page Mill Road at I-280; and 2) Augment the 1996 Measure B Transportation Improvement Program Fund Capital Budget by \$250,000, as amended. Chairperson Wadler abstained.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Fredlund, Member
SECONDER: Chang, Member
AYES: Brownley, Chang, Elias, Fredlund, Hughan, Powers, Ramirez, Rogers, Schmoll, Tebo
NOES: None
ABSTENTION: Wadler
ABSENT: Blaylock, Hadaya, Hashimoto, Morrow, Schulter

18. Transit Ridership Improvement Program 2016 Work Plan

Jay Tyree, Transportation Planning, provided a brief overview of the staff report, and a presentation entitled “Transit Ridership Improvement Program” (TRIP), highlighting the following: 1) TRIP Purpose; 2) TRIP Elements; 3) Assessment of Current Service; 4) Policy Development; 5) Partner Education and Involvement; 6) Development of Next Network; and 7) Next Network Development.

On order of Chairperson Wadler and there being no objection, the Committee received the Transit Ridership Improvement Program 2016 Work Plan.

19. Rapid 523 Berryessa BART to DeAnza College – Progress Report

Tamiko Percell, Transportation Planner II, provided an overview of the staff report, and a presentation entitled “Rapid 523,” highlighting the following: 1) Introduction to Rapid 523; 2) Rapid 523 Route; 3) Plan Features; 4) Example Shelter; and 5) Next Steps.

On order of Chairperson Wadler and there being no objection, the Committee received the Rapid 523 Berryessa BART to DeAnza College Progress Report.

COMBINED CAC AND CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE ITEMS

20. Citizens Advisory Committee and Citizens Watchdog Committee Work Plan

On order of Chairperson Wadler and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Citizens Advisory Committee and Citizens Watchdog Committee Work Plans.

OTHER

21. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Announcements.

22. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Wadler and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita McGraw, Board Assistant
VTA Office of the Board Secretary