



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

Wednesday, March 9, 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 4:02 p.m. by Chairperson Wadler in Conference Room B-104, VTA River Oaks Campus, 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

1. ROLL CALL

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

There were no Public Presentations.

4. Committee Staff Report

Aaron Quigley, Senior Policy Analyst and Staff Liaison, reported the VTA Board of Directors (Board) took the following actions at their March 3, 2016, meeting: 1) honored Coach Operator Thomas Dominguez for his role in saving the life of a passenger;

2) received an update on VTA's BART Silicon Valley Project; 3) received an update from the Special Administrator on the progress for the Small Business Sustainability Program for business' along the Alum Rock Santa Clara Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Corridor; 4) approved a contract amendment with WMH Corporation to provide continued design and engineering services for the Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension (SVBX) Project Campus, Roadway and Parking Facilities in the amount of \$2M; 5) received a report on land use and transportation integration, following from a discussion at the December 10, 2015 Board meeting; 6) announced three public workshops to solicit input on the Santa Clara Countywide Bicycle Plan: a) Gilroy on March 29; b) East San Jose on March 30; and c) Cupertino on March 31; and 7) The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced that Acting Administration Therese McMillan will be stepping down to take the position as Chief Planning Officer for Los Angeles Metro.

Members Chang and Tebo took their seats and a quorum was declared.

Stephen Flynn, Senior Management Analyst and Advisory Committee Coordinator, announced the following: 1) the Board has provided name tags to the committees as a thank you for all their hard work; and 2) noted, in an effort to be sustainable, the Board has adopted the goal of going paperless by the end of 2016. Staff is in the process of investigating methods to distribute the agenda electronically. He indicated agendas, maps and schematics will continue to be available at the meetings.

Member Tebo suggested adding bookmarks and page numbers to the electronic file would be helpful in finding and printing specific agenda items.

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

2. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Orders of the Day.

5. Envision Silicon Valley Update

John Sighamony, Senior Transportation Planner, announced VTA has released preliminary results of the Envision Silicon Valley (ESV) project evaluations, which have been uploaded to www.vta.org. Mr. Sighamony reported preliminary project polling and scoring will be discussed at the March 15, 2016, ESV Stakeholders' Meeting and April Committee meetings, leading up to the April 22, 2016, Board Workshop. He noted some of the current project program categories are: 1) bicycle and pedestrian; 2) Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART); 3) Caltrain; 4) grade separations; 5) transit operations; 6) county expressways; 7) local streets and roads; 8) highway interchanges; 9) intelligent transportation systems (signals); 10) transit fare subsidies; and 11) transit oriented housing. He stated additional input from VTA Committees, stakeholders and cities will also be considered.

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) suggested inclusion of the disabled and senior population when doing broad planning for transit systems; 2) important questions to answer are what additional improvements are needed that a local measure could fund; 3) requested a summary of the methodology used to evaluate the projects; and 4) noted outreach for disabled and senior population is severely underfunded, and what can be done for that segment of the population that does not fit into Paratransit.

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

6. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Wadler indicated he and Vice Chairperson Fredlund attended the March 3, 2016, Board meeting and provided the Committee report. He stated VTA Board Chairperson Chavez is focused on hearing insights and recommendations from the Advisory Committees, and on March 1, 2016, met with committee chairs and vice chairs to review and coordinate VTA priorities for 2016.

Member Schuller suggested Chairperson Chavez be made aware of the 2000 Measure A People Mover Project and stated the project needs to be discussed.

7. Committee for Transit Accessibility (CTA) Report

Member Morrow introduced Aaron Vogel, Regional Transportation Services Manager, as the new Staff Liaison for the Committee for Transit Accessibility (CTA).

8. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Report

There was no Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Report.

COMBINED CAC AND 2000 MEASURE A CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE CONSENT AGENDAS

9. Regular Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2016

M/S/C (Rogers/Ramirez) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2016.

10. Transit Operations Performance Report – FY2016 Second Quarter

M/S/C (Rogers/Ramirez) to receive Transit Operations Performance Report – FY2016 Second Quarter.

11. Legislative Update Matrix

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] <u>(Consent Agenda Items # 9-11)</u>
MOVER:	Rogers, Member
SECONDER:	Ramirez, Member
AYES:	Brownley, Chang, Elias, Morrow, Powers, Ramirez, Rogers, Schmoll, Schuller, Tebo, Wadler
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Blaylock, Fredlund, Hadaya, Hashimoto, Hughan,

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

2000 MEASURE A CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA

12. 2000 Measure A Transit Improvement Program Semi-Annual Report Ending December 31, 2015

John Ristow, Director of Planning and Program Development, provided an overview of the staff report, highlighting: 1) the importance of communicating current and future Measure A tax spending; 2) new format of the report; 3) project status; 4) clarifying inaccurate media reports; and 5) potential programming funds made available by the Board for additional projects.

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) refocusing efforts to begin moving the People Mover Project forward; 2) suggested distributing project status summaries to the community; 3) process to keep projects moving forward; 4) suggested financial information needs to be summarized and should be easy to understand; and 5) \$327M unallocated funding for 2000 Measure A projects.

On order of Chairperson Wadler and there being no objection, the Committee received the 2000 Measure A Transit Improvement Program Semi-Annual Report Ending December 31, 2015.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA

13. Development Review Annual Report for 2015

Rob Cunningham, Transportation Planning, provided the staff report and a presentation entitled “VTA Development Review Program Annual Report for 2015,” highlighting: 1) Presentation Outline; 2) Background; 3) Development Review Activity for 2015; 4) Select Projects Under Construction or Completed in 2015; 5) Key Themes of 2015 Annual Report; 6) Major Projects and Plans that were reviewed by VTA or approved by Member Agencies in 2015; 7) Major Projects and Plans: Development Boom Continues Throughout the County; 8) Transit Oriented Development & Transit Operations; 9) Emerging Mixed Use Districts; 10) Transportation Demand Management; and 11) Ensuring Safe and Comfortable Sidewalks.

Members of the Committee commented on the following: 1) expressed appreciation for VTA’s effort to encourage better pedestrian accommodations in new developments; 2) requested staff develop quantitative/statistical metrics to represent VTA comments and local agency responses in the Quarterly/Annual Reports; 3) suggested VTA consider new ways of influencing the development process such as a public scorecard of local agency compliance with VTA comments; 4) the importance of land use and transportation integration; and 5) consider collaboration with an outside agency, such as a reporter or journalist, that reports city compliance with VTA comments and recommendations.

On order of Chairperson Wadler and there being no objection, the Committee received the Development Review Annual Report for 2015.

14. Transit Ridership Improvement Program Choices Report

Adam Burger, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a brief overview of the staff report, and a presentation entitled “Transit Ridership Improvement Program (TRIP) Transit Choices Report,” highlighting: 1) Program Goals; 2) First deliverable is Transit Choices Report; 3) Historical Trends; 4) Moderate increase in average cost/hour of service; 5) VTA’s fare box recovery is lowest among peers; 6) Market Assessment; 7) Unbalanced distribution of jobs and housing; 8) Transit Service Assessment; 9) Frequency is critical feature of transit service; 10) VTA has strong frequent network in east San Jose; 11) Service classes communicate information to riders; 12) Ridership-Coverage Allocation is Key Choice; and 13) Next Steps.

Members of the Committee made the following comments: 1) expressed concern with the systemic issue of lack of funding for transit operations; 2) suggested the Board needs a component that strategically addresses additional funding sources that are more consistent; 3) the land use transportation connection is important in understanding low transit productivity in certain areas of Santa Clara County; and 4) transit should be focused on areas that have incorporated high density, walkability and transit into their land use development.

Member Schmoll left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

On order of Chairperson Wadler and there being no objection, the Committee received the Transit Ridership Improvement Program Choices Report.

Member Morrow left the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

COMBINED CAC AND CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE ITEMS

15. Citizens Advisory Committee and Citizens Watchdog Committee Work Plan

Mr. Flynn noted the Compliance Auditor selection process is moving forward.

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

OTHER

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Flynn queried if Committee Members would be interested in convening the semi-annual tour of 2000 Measure A projects on a Saturday to encourage more attendance. Members of the Committee expressed an interest in a Saturday morning tour.

Member Tebo requested an update on his proposal to have a single entity coordinate countywide the policy development and planning actions necessary for eventual elimination of street level rail/vehicular crossings within the county.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

On order of Chairperson Wadler and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita McGraw, Board Assistant
VTA Office of the Board Secretary