

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

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

**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 4:04 p.m. by Chairperson Fredlund in Conference Room B-106, VTA River Oaks Campus, 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

**1. ROLL CALL**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Represents</b>	<b>Status</b>
Aboubacar Ndiaye	Member	South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council	Absent
Stephen Blaylock	Member	Mass Transit Users	Present
Aneliza Del Pinal	Member	Senior Citizens	Present
Chris Elias	Vice Chairperson	Environmentalists	Absent
Sharon Fredlund	Chairperson	BOMA Silicon Valley	Present
William Hadaya	Member	SCC Chambers of Commerce Coalition	Absent
Ray Hashimoto	Member	Homebuilders Assn. of No. CA	Present
Aaron Morrow	Member	Disabled Community	Absent
Matthew Quevedo	Member	Silicon Valley Leadership Group	Present
Connie Rogers	Member	South County Cities	Present
Martin Schulter	Member	Disabled Persons	Present
Noel Tebo	Member	San Jose	Present
Herman Wadler	Member	Bicyclists & Pedestrians	Present

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

**2. ORDERS OF THE DAY**

There were no Orders of the Day.

**3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:**

There were no Public Presentations.

**4. Committee Staff Report**

Stephen Flynn, Senior Policy Analyst and Acting Staff Liaison, provided a report, highlighting: 1) actions the VTA Board of Directors (Board) took at their April 4, 2018 meeting; 2) announced the appointment of Evelyn Tran as Acting General Counsel as Rob Fabela resigned effective April 6, 2018; 3) 2018 VTA Bus and Light Rail Rodeo Winners; 4) Construction underway for SR 237 Express Lanes Project Phase 2; 5) Clipper Customer Service now available at VTA Customer Centers Downtown and River Oaks, and 6) VTA awarded the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

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

**5. Chairperson's Report**

Member Quevedo arrived at the meeting and took his seat at 4:09 p.m. and a quorum was established.

Chairperson Fredlund reported the following: 1) she attended the April 4, 2018 Board meeting and was pleased to share that BART announced they are in favor of the single bore technology, and 2) announced the Ad Hoc Financial Stability Committee meeting will be held on Friday, April 13, 2018, at 12:00 p.m. at the VTA Rivers Oaks facility.

**6. Committee for Transportation Mobility and Accessibility**

There was no Committee for Transportation Mobility and Accessibility (CTMA) Report.

**7. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee**

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

**Public Comment**

Blair Beekman, Interested Citizen, referenced the bicycle and pedestrian work being done in San Jose, and expressed concern with regard to the City of San Jose Downtown Association Project "Bigbelly Smart Trash Can System."

**COMBINED CAC AND 2000 MEASURE A CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE CONSENT AGENDAS**

**8. Regular Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2018**

M/S/C (Schulter/Wadler) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2018.

**9. VRF Matching Grant Programming**

M/S/C (Schulter/Wadler) to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors program a total of \$603,173 in Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Countywide Matching funds for the Los Gatos Boulevard, I-680 Soundwalls and the Freeway Performance Initiative projects.

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

**10. Year in Review 2017 – Land Use Transportation Integration Program**

M/S/C (**Schulter/Wadler**) to receive information on the Year-in-Review 2017 - Land Use Transportation Integration Program.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] (<u>Consent Agenda Item #8-10</u>)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Schulter, Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Wadler, Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Blaylock, Del Pinal, Fredlund, Hashimoto, Quevedo, Rogers, Schulter, Tebo, Wadler
<b>NOES:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Elias, Hadaya, Morrow, Ndiaye

**2000 MEASURE A CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA**

**11. 2000 Measure A Semi-Annual Report Ending December 31, 2017**

Ken Ronsee, Deputy Director, Construction, Engineering and Transportation, and Dennis Ratcliffe, Deputy Director, SVRT/BART Capital Program, provided an overview of the staff report, and a presentation entitled "Measure A Semi-Annual Report," highlighting the following: 1) Cost Summary; 2) Cost Summary - Planned Funding; 3) Cost Summary - Incurred Cost; 4) Progress Status and Photographs; 5) BART Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension (SVBX); 6) SVBX: Cost Summary; 7) SVBX: Aerial View of Milpitas Station; 8) SVBX: Milpitas Station; 9) SVBX: Aerial View of Berryessa/North San Jose Station; 10) SVBX: Berryessa/North San Jose Station; 11) SVBX: BART Police Zone Facility; 12) BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension; 13) BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension - Project Schedule; 14) Caltrain Electrification; 15) Improve Bus Service Service in Major Corridors; 16) Rapid 523 Bus Stop Improvements; 17) De Anza College Stelling Road Bus Stop Improvements, and; 18) Develop New Light Rail Corridor.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Beekman expressed concern with the intrusive technology being used in the "Bigbelly Smart Trash Can System," noting the pilot project will continue to collect data in downtown San Jose until BART construction begins.

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) VTA's contribution to Caltrain for the High Speed Rail (HSR) electrification project; 2) the focal point for coordinating services is at the Diridon Station location, and VTA is actively developing arrangements with Caltrain, HSR and City of San Jose for a significant planning effort; 3) BART delays due to evaluation and testing; 4) Route 523 is a core line which will become more significant with the opening of BART and Next Network implementation, and; 5) potential consequences of not meeting the full funding agreement on Federal Transit Administration (FTA) projects.

**On order of Chairperson Fredlund** and there being no objection, the Committee received the 2000 Measure A Transit Improvement Program Semi-Annual Report Ending December 31, 2017.

**12. Compliance Audit Report on 2000 Measure A Program Revenues and Expenditures for FY17**

Mr. Flynn introduced Eugene Ma of the certified Public Accountants Macias, Gini & O'Connell, LLP (MGO) for compliance auditing services for the 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee.

Mr. Ma provided a brief overview of the Compliance Audit Report on 2000 Measure A Program Revenues and Expenditures for FY17.

**M/S/C (Tebo/Wadler)** to receive and accept the compliance audit report from the Citizens Watchdog Committee's independent compliance auditor on Fiscal Year 2017 2000 Measure A revenues and expenditures.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] (<u>Consent Agenda Item #12</u>)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Wadler, Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Tebo, Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Blaylock, Del Pinal, Fredlund, Hashimoto, Quevedo, Rogers, Schuler, Tebo, Wadler
<b>NOES:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Elias, Hadaya, Morrow, Ndiaye

**13. Determine Date and Location of CWC Public Hearing**

Mr. Flynn provided an overview of the staff report.

**M/S/C (Wadler/Del Pinal)** to conduct the 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee's public hearing on FY 2017 Measure A expenditures on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room B-106 at VTA's River Oaks Campus.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] (<u>Consent Agenda Item #13</u>)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Wadler, Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Del Pinal, Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Blaylock, Del Pinal, Fredlund, Hashimoto, Quevedo, Rogers, Schuler, Tebo, Wadler
<b>NOES:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Elias, Hadaya, Morrow, Ndiaye

**14. Citizens Watchdog Committee Publication Strategy for Combined Public Hearing Notice & Audit Results Publication**

Mr. Flynn and Tammy Dhanota, Public Communications Specialist II, provided an overview of the staff report and the publication strategy.

Members of the Committee made the following suggestions: 1) consolidate repetitive verbiage; 2) enlarge the font size for seniors and the visually impaired, and; 3) partner with United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County.

**M/S/C (Wadler/Hashimoto)** to approve the combination public notice and publication strategy announcing the 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee's public hearing and the results of the independent compliance audit on FY 2016 Measure A revenues and expenditures.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] (<u>Consent Agenda Item #14</u>)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Wadler, Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Hashimoto, Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Blaylock, Del Pinal, Fredlund, Hashimoto, Quevedo, Rogers, Schuller, Tebo, Wadler
<b>NOES:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Elias, Hadaya, Morrow, Ndiaye

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA**

**15. Implementation Strategy for Amendments to the CAC Bylaws to Modify the Membership Structure**

Mr. Flynn and Elaine Baltao, Board Secretary, provided an overview of the staff report.

Members of the Committee and staff discussed the following: 1) thanked VTA staff and Members of the Subcommittee for their work on this matter; 2) expressed concern that new member recruitment may be difficult; 3) consider a mentorship program to assist with the transfer of historical and institutional knowledge; 4) suggested a four-member panel, rather than a three member panel, to evaluate applications and make a recommendation, and; 5) recruitment will be through targeted outreach, social media and current member outreach.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Beekman expressed support for the Committee process. He referenced the Committee's member groupings and suggested category changes to better balance representation.

**M/S/F (Schulter/Hashimoto)** on a vote of 7 ayes to 0 noes to 2 abstentions to recommend that the Board of Directors adopt the recommended implementation strategy for amendments to the Citizens Advisory Committee bylaws modifying the membership structure and related provisions. Members Blaylock and Quevedo abstained.

<b>APPROVED</b>	<b>FAILED (Agenda Item #15)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Schulter, Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Hashimoto, Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Del Pinal, Fredlund, Hashimoto, Rogers, Schulter, Tebo, Wadler
<b>NOES:</b>	None
<b>ABSTENTION:</b>	Blaylock, Quevedo
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Elias, Hadaya, Morrow, Ndiaye

**16. Express Bus Performance Report**

Jason Tyree, Senior Project Manager, provided an overview of the staff report and a presentation entitled “Express Bus Performance Report Spring 2018,” highlighting: 1) Next Network Transit Plan Excludes Express Program; 2) History of VTA Express Bus Program; 3) Express Bus Service Design; 4) Express Bus Performance Report; 5) Express Bus Routes Grouped by Employment Center; 6) Express Bus Vehicles; 7) Express Bus Rider Demographics; 8) Ridership for All Nine Express Bus Routes; 9) Cost and Fare Revenue for All Nine Express Bus Routes; 10) Productivity for All Nine Express Bus Routes; 11) Fundamental Challenges of Express Bus Service Design; 12) Perfect Ridership Scenario (every seat occupied); 13) Route-by-Route Productivity (Weekday Boardings per Hour); 14) Express Bus Benefits and Challenges, and; 15) Staff Seeks Guidance for Express Bus Feature.

Members of the Committee commented on the following: 1) clarification on the Express bus fare; 2) look at marginal cost; 3) consider consolidating unproductive Express trips into fewer trips to increase productivity; 4) accuracy of on-board rider survey; 5) encouraged staff to continue the Express program and for staff to conduct a service redesign study to improve the network; 6) consider keeping a stationary bus in Gilroy to reduce deadhead time; 7) increase marketing effort to expand this important service, and; 8) encourage coordination with private commuter shuttles.

Member Hashimoto left the meeting at 6:02 p.m.  
and a Committee of the Whole was declared.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Beekman made the following comments: 1) expressed support for a smaller bus; 2) ridership for Route 181 may change when BART service opens; 3) expressed concern on the cost of public transportation between San Jose and Oakland.

**On order of Chairperson Fredlund** and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole reviewed and discussed a performance report on VTA's Express bus program.

**NOTE:** M/S/F MEANS MOTION SECONDED AND FAILED.

**17. Fast Transit Program**

Tamiko Percell, Transportation Planner III, provided an overview of the staff report and a presentation entitled “Fast Transit Program,” highlighting: 1) Business Line #1; 2) VTA Transit Speeds are Declining; 3) Slowing Routes Require More Buses; 4) Slowing Routes Require More Trains; 5) Fast Transit is Good; 6) Causes of Slow Transit; 7) Potential Solutions; 8) Speed and Reliability Analysis, and; 8) The Path Forward.

**On order of Chairperson Fredlund** and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received information on the Fast Transit Program.

**COMBINED CAC AND CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE ITEMS**

**18. Citizens Advisory Committee and Citizens Watchdog Committee Work Plans**

**Public Comment**

Mr Beekman referenced VTA’s bicycle and pedestrian plan and queried if the surveillance and technology processes being used in Santa Clara County would come forward to the Committee.

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

**OTHER**

**19. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Announcements.

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

**On order of Chairperson Fredlund** 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