



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

Wednesday, August 10, 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 4:04 p.m. by Chairperson Wadler in Conference Room B-104, VTA River Oaks Campus, 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

**1. ROLL CALL**

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

**A quorum was present.**

**2. ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Chairperson Wadler welcomed new Committee Member John Melton, representing North County Cities.

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

There were no Orders of the Day.

**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 June 2; June 24, and; August 4, 2016, meetings: 1) adopted the framework and funding amounts for the proposed sales tax measure; 2) adopted resolution calling for a special election and the ordinance that would enact the transactions and use tax should the measure pass; 3) adopted revised language relating to State Route (SR) 85 Corridor transit improvements and approved appending the list of projects to the tax measure resolution; 4) the Board terminated the contract for convenience with its current paratransit provider, Outreach, and the effective termination date is June 30, 2017; 5) staff will move forward with a new Request for Proposal (RFP) for paratransit services; and 6) adopted Seven-Party Regional Funding Supplement to the 2012 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Peninsula Corridor Electrification Process (PCEP).

Mr. Quigley announced John Ristow, Director of Planning and Program Development, would be retiring from VTA at the end of August. He noted that Carolyn Gonot will serve as Interim Director of Planning and Program Development and Dennis Ratcliff will serve as Interim Director of Engineering & Transportation Infrastructure Development, SVRT Program.

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

**5. Chairperson's Report**

Chairperson Wadler announced upcoming community meetings in the cities of Campbell, Cupertino and Sunnyvale, noting VTA would appreciate Committee Member attendance and feedback. He also noted the upcoming "Bus Redesign" Workshop on August 24, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. will take place at the Alum Rock Library.

**6. Committee for Transit Accessibility (CTA) Report**

Member Morrow provided a report on the discussions held at the August 8, 2016, CTA Workshop meeting, highlighting: 1) VTA is currently soliciting input from members and the public regarding the Paratransit RFP, and creating a laundry list of what customers like and do not like about the service; 2) community meetings to solicit input have been well attended; 3) met with Jim Lawson, Director of Public Affairs and Executive Policy Advisor, and Board of Directors Chair Cindy Chavez to discuss concerns and input regarding the process, and 4) stated VTA is committed to putting their best foot forward in this effort.

**7. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Report**

Chairperson Wadler noted the City of Campbell ribbon cutting for the East Campbell Avenue Portals Project took place on August 5, 2016.

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

8. **Regular Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2016**

M/S/C (Ramirez/Rogers) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2016.

9. **2015 Annual CMP Monitoring and Conformance Report**

M/S/C (Ramirez/Rogers) to recommend that the VTA Board adopt the 2015 Monitoring and Conformance Findings, pursuant to California Government Code Section 65089.

10. **Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Quarterly Attendance Report**

M/S/C (Ramirez/Rogers) to receive the Citizens Advisory Committee Quarterly Attendance Report.

11. **Legislative Update Matrix**

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

12. **Transit Operations Performance Report – FY2016 Third Quarter**

M/S/C (Ramirez/Rogers) to receive the FY 2016 Third Quarter Transit Operations Performance Report.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b> <b><u>(Consent Agenda Items # 8-12)</u></b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ramirez, Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Rogers, Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Brownley, Fredlund, Hashimoto, Melton, Morrow, Ramirez, Rogers, Schuler, Tebo, Wadler
<b>NOES:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Blaylock, Elias, Hadaya, Hughan, Powers, Schmoll

## 2000 MEASURE A CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA

13. **Compliance Audit Report on 2000 Measure A Program Revenues and Expenditures for FY15**

Mr. Quigley 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 FY15.

Chairperson Wadler expressed appreciation for the detail on swap funds.

M/S/C (Morrow/Melton) to receive and accept the compliance audit report from the Citizens Watchdog Committee's independent compliance auditor on Fiscal Year 2015 2000 Measure A revenues and expenditures.

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

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

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

Stephen Flynn, Senior Management Analyst and Advisory Committee Coordinator, provided the staff report.

The Committee confirmed that the CWC public hearing would be held on September 7, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at the VTA River Oaks Campus.

**M/S/C (Rogers/Melton)** to conduct the 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee’s public hearing on FY 2015 Measure A expenditures on Wednesday, September 7, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at the VTA River Oaks Campus.

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

**15. Publication Strategy for Combined Public Hearing Notice and Compliance Audit Results**

Vice Chairperson Fredlund suggested expediting publication materials to ensure they are ready for the September public hearing. She indicated the strategy would be based on materials devised in 2015 to include two ads (newspaper and on-line) on the Benefits and Key Achievements Report.

**M/S/C (Fredlund/Morrow)** to allow the CAC/CWC to empower the Review Subcommittee to authorize final approval, as to copy and format, of publication materials for the September 7, 2016, public hearing.

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

Mr. Flynn and Maria Cambra, Sales and Promotion Supervisor, provided the staff report.

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) expressed concern about the additional cost for color; 2) request comparison Click Reports between black and white and color adds to determine if strategy is working; 3) adds will be in community newspapers and electronic media; 4) strategy to include one flight of color and one flight of black and white in community newspapers, but will not be advertised in the San Jose Mercury News; 5) request Click Reports to determine who is being driven to website, and; 6) dates of publication to be August 22 and August 29, 2016.

**M/S/C (Fredlund/Melton)** 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 2015 Measure A revenues and expenditures.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Fredlund, Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Melton, Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Brownley, Fredlund, Hashimoto, Melton, Morrow, Ramirez, Rogers, Schuler, Tebo, Wadler
<b>NOES:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Blaylock, Elias, Hadaya, Hughan, Powers, Schmoll

## **CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA**

### **16. OBAG 2 Project Scoring Criterion – Displacement Policies**

Marcella Rensi, Transportation Planning Manager – Planning and Grants, provided the staff report.

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) point system; 2) Surplus Land Act directs public agencies to prioritize affordable housing, and; 3) implementation process evaluation.

**M/S/C (Morrow/Brownley)** to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors adopt two additional One Bay Area Grant 2 criteria to comply with Metropolitan Transportation Commission's requirements for compliance with the California Surplus Lands Act and rewarding jurisdictions with adopted anti-displacement policies.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Morrow, Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Brownley, Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Brownley, Fredlund, Hashimoto, Melton, Morrow, Ramirez, Rogers, Schuler, Tebo, Wadler
<b>NOES:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Blaylock, Elias, Hadaya, Hughan, Powers, Schmoll

**17. Express Lanes Operations Policies**

Murali Ramanujam, Transportation Engineering Manager, provided an overview of the staff report, and a presentation entitled “Recommended Changes to Existing Express Lanes Operations Policies,” highlighting: 1) Silicon Valley Express Lanes; 2) Bay Area Express Lanes Operators; 3) Bay Area Express Lanes Operations Policies; 4) Existing VTA Express Lanes Operations Policies; 5) Key Milestones; 6) How Violation Enforcement System Works, and; 7) HOV Violation.

Members of the Committee expressed concern that the new policy may cause confusion.

**Public Comment**

Omar Chatty, Interested Citizen, commented on the following: 1) expressed concern noting when single occupancy drivers are restricted to two lanes it causes more accidents, more congestion and more greenhouse gasses; 2) he suggested different highway profiles should be considered, and; 3) noted his opposition to toll lanes.

Discussion ensued regarding: 1) suggested adding signage, such as “Flex Transponder Required to Use This Lane” to make it clear to motorists, and; 2) extending the time of express lane operations.

**M/S/F (Morrow/Hashimoto)** on a vote of 8 Ayes to 1 No to 1 Abstention to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors approve the following Express Lanes operations policies for implementation:

- a) Require all users of Express Lanes to use FasTrak or FasTrak Flex transponder.
- b) Require all eligible carpoolers including motorcycles, clean air vehicles and buses to use FasTrak Flex transponder to obtain toll free passage.
- c) Expand Express Lanes hours of operations to be in effect from 5 am to 8 pm.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>FAILED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Morrow, Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Hashimoto, Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Brownley, Fredlund, Hashimoto, Melton, Morrow, Ramirez, Rogers, Schulter
<b>NOES:</b>	Wadler
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Tebo
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Blaylock, Elias, Hadaya, Hughan, Powers, Schmoll

**18. Sales Tax Measure Administrative and Policy Items**

John Sighamony, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the staff report, highlighting the Sales Tax Measure Program Elements.

Discussion ensued regarding the following: 1) Caltrain electrification; 2) grade separation funding; 3) local streets and roads requirement; 4) suggested using the CAC/CWC as the oversight committee should the potential tax measure pass, and; 5) expressed concern about economic and geographic equity.

**On order of Chairperson Wadler** and there being no objection, the Committee forwarded to the Board of Directors the list of administrative guideline and policy items for November sales tax measure.

Member Morrow left the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

**19. Development Review Quarterly Report for April-June 2016**

Melissa Cerrazo, Transportation Planner, provided the staff report.

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) suggested VTA needs to aggressively critique projects that exacerbate the jobs and housing balance as this affects transportation, and; 2) importance of future planning for transit travel time improvements in the Tasman Drive Corridor.

**On order of Chairperson Wadler** and there being no objection, the Committee received the Development Review Quarterly Report for April-June 2016.

**20. Dynamic Transit Program – FLEX Pilot Project Update**

Greta Helm, Senior Advisor Business Development, provided an overview of the staff report and a presentation entitled “FLEX Pilot Project Update,” highlighting: 1) Background; 2) Program Goals; 3) Timeline; 4) FLEX Service Details; 5) Ridership; 6) Ridership by Hour; 7) Ridership by Stop; 8) Other Performance Measures; 9) Operating Costs; 10) Marketing and Promotion; 11) Rider Survey – Key Takeaways; 12) Non-Rider Survey – Key Takeaways; 13) Areas for future Exploration; 14) FLEX Operators’ Feedback; 15) Key Pilot Findings, and; 16) Next Steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the following: 1) would like to see the cost breakdown, and; 2) encouraged VTA to continue looking for first last mile connection strategies, such as an Uber/Lyft partnership.

**On order of Chairperson Wadler** and there being no objection, the Committee received information on the FLEX Pilot Project.

**21. Bus Shelter Enhancement Strategy Update**

**On order of Chairperson Wadler** and there being no objection, the Committee deferred receiving a status update on the Bus Shelter Enhancement Strategy.

## **COMBINED CAC AND CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE ITEMS**

**22. 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**

**23. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Announcements.

**24. ADJOURNMENT**

**On order of Chairperson Wadler** and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita McGraw, Board Assistant  
VTA Office of the Board Secretary