



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

Wednesday, September 7, 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 the Auditorium, 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
Chris Elias	Member	Absent
Sharon Fredlund	Vice Chairperson	Present
William Hadaya	Member	Present
Ray Hashimoto	Member	Present
Roberta Hughan	Member	Absent
John Melton	Member	Present
Aaron Morrow	Member	Absent
Charlotte Powers	Member	Present
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 noted the following changes to the agenda: 1) **Agenda Item #14**, Receive a status update on the Bus Shelter Enhancement Strategy was deferred to a future meeting, and; 2) **Agenda Item #19**, 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee FY 2015 Annual Report and Publication Strategy would be heard prior to **Agenda Item #12**, Third-party Agreements of Voluntary Contributions and Programming of VRF Funds to Transportation Improvement Projects.

M/S/C (Fredlund/Hadaya) to accept the Orders of the Day.

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

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

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no Public Presentations.

4. Committee Staff Report

There was no Committee Staff Report.

5. Chairperson’s Report

There was no Chairperson’s Report.

6. Committee for Transit Accessibility (CTA) Report

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

7. 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

Member Powers requested **Agenda Item #10**, Transportation Systems Monitoring Program Report, be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed at the end of the Regular Agenda.

8. Regular Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2016

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

9. Legislative Update Matrix

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

10. (Removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.)

Receive information from the 2016 Transportation Systems Monitoring Report.

11. FY 2016 SR 237 Express Lanes Annual Report

M/S/C (Ramirez/Tebo) to receive update on SR 237 Express Lanes Fiscal Year 2016 annual report.

RESULT:	APPROVED, as amended <u>(Consent Agenda Items # 8-9 & 11)</u>
MOVER:	Ramirez, Member
SECONDER:	Tebo, Member
AYES:	Brownley, Fredlund, Hadaya, Hashimoto, Melton, Powers, Ramirez, Rogers, Schuler, Tebo, Wadler
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Blaylock, Elias, Hughan, Morrow, Schmoll

The Agenda was taken out of order.

2000 MEASURE A CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA

19. 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee FY 2015 Annual Report and Publication Strategy

Stephen Flynn, Senior Management Analyst and Advisory Committee Coordinator, provided a brief overview of the staff report and reviewed the changes incorporated into the CWC Annual Report.

Maria Cambra, Sales and Promotion Supervisor, provided a brief report on the publication strategy for the Annual Report.

M/S/C (Tebo/Ramirez) to approve the 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee’s Annual Report on Fiscal Year 2015 and the recommended publication strategy.

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

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA

12. Third-Party Agreements of Voluntary Contributions and Programming of Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Funds to Transportation Improvement Projects

Gene Gonzalo, Engineering Group Manager - Capital Program, provided a brief overview of the staff report.

The Committee discussed the following: 1) City of Santa Clara contributions to SR 237 Express Lanes – Phase 2 project; 2) evaluation, timing and impact of projects, and; 3) expressed concern that this agreement promotes automobile traffic rather than encouraging public transportation.

M/S/C (Hadaya/Melton) to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to negotiate and enter into cooperative funding agreements with the City of Santa Clara in the amount of \$16.164 million for its voluntary contribution and with the City of Sunnyvale for an amount up to \$11.380 million to help fund mutually defined regional transportation improvements to be delivered by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, and to approve \$4 million in Vehicle Registration Fee matching funds for the SR 237 Express Lanes Phase 2 project.

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

13. Vehicle Registration Fund Advance: City of Gilroy for the First Street Repaving

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

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) expressed concern with duration of a Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) 80% share-based pay back and its impact on Gilroy’s street maintenance program, noting City of Gilroy does not have a signed commitment. The Committee suggested Gilroy should not proceed with the project until a State Highway Operations and Protection Plan (SHOPP) commitment has been secured from Caltrans, and; 2) requested the matter be agendized for a future Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting.

Member Melton recommended that the Committee approve the item with the provision that an agreement be reached with Gilroy and Caltrans to guarantee reimbursement by 2021.

M/S/C (Melton/Rogers) to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors approve up to a \$5.5 million advance of Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Program funding to the City of Gilroy for the First Street repaving project. Further, that an agreement between Gilroy and Caltrans be instituted to guarantee reimbursement by 2021.

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

14. (Deferred to a future Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting)

Receive a status update on the Bus Shelter Enhancement Strategy.

15. Next Network: Light Rail Service Plan Recommendation

Jason Kim, Sr. Transportation Planner, provided a presentation entitled “Next Network Light Rail Service Plan,” highlighting: 1) Existing System; 2) Existing Ridership; 3) Milpitas BART Station; 4) Recommended Operating Plan; 5) Estimated Costs; 6) Light Rail Platform Wayfinding Signage; 7) Light Rail System Map, and; 8) Next Steps.

Jim Unites, Executive Manager, Transit Planning & Capital Development, provided an overview of the staff report.

Members of the Committee commented on the following: 1) opportunities for public input before the new schedule is finalized; 2) should not affect Levi’s Stadium Express Train Service; 3) status of other 2000 Measure A Projects such as the light rail extensions and the Airport People Mover, and; 4) requested that the Airport People Mover be agendized for a future BPAC meeting.

On order of Chairperson Wadler and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the recommended 2017 Light Rail Operating Plan.

Member Hadaya left his seat at 5:15 p.m.

16. VTA’s Next Network Plan Outreach Update

Jay Tyree, Transportation Planner, provided the staff report and a handout entitled “Next Network Phase I Outreach Summary,” highlighting: 1) Project Schedule; 2) VTA Transit Choices Survey Results; 3) VTA Ridership Preference Survey Results; 4) Conceptual Alternative Network 70; 5) Conceptual Alternative Network 80, and; 6) Conceptual Alternative Network 90.

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) expressed concern about the possible impact of service changes on the transit dependent; 2) outreach strategy; 3) expressed support for a network that serves not only commuters, but all residents; 4) commended VTA staff for community outreach efforts, and; 5) queried about additional transit funding requirements.

Public Comment

Omar Chatty, Interested Citizen, indicated he purchased a Clipper Card and offered the following suggestions: 1) better signage for Clipper Card machines, noting they are difficult to locate at transit stations, and 2) have seniors test usability before transitioning to a new system.

On order of Chairperson Wadler and there being no objection, the Committee received an update on Phase I of the outreach efforts for VTA's Next Network Plan.

17. VTA Complete Streets Policy Development

Lauren Ledbetter, Senior, Transportation Planner, provided a presentation entitled “Complete Streets Policy Development,” highlighting: 1) Complete Streets; 2) Scope of Complete Streets Policy; 3) Goal: Flexible, Effective Policy; 4) Elements Under

Consideration; 5) Member Agency Complete Streets Commitments; 6) Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Resolution Requirements, and; 7) Schedule.

Members of the Committee commented on the following: 1) requested VTA indicate how its policy differs from MTC; 2) requested that the written exemption process be integrated into the development review process, and 3) noted projects that expand impervious surface require storm water mitigation, and mitigation is often required to be provided on developer land rather than within city street right-of-way.

Public Comment

Mr. Chatty expressed concern about the Complete Streets Policy as it relates to motorists, asking if there are priorities on the goals that VTA is trying to accomplish. He suggested VTA measure results and make changes if things are not working.

On order of Chairperson Wadler and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed and discussed the development of VTA's Complete Streets Policy.

18. (Deferred to October 12, 2016, Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting)

Review and discuss the current Citizens Advisory Committee membership structure.

10. 2016 Transportation Systems Monitoring Program Report

Eugene Maeda, Senior Transportation Planner, presented the staff report and a presentation entitled “2016 Transportation Systems Monitoring Program (TSMP) Draft Report,” highlighting: 1) TSMP Background; 2) Selected Performance Indicators; 3) Pavement; 4) Pavement – Peer County Comparison; 5) Roadside Assets; 6) Freeway Litter, Landscaping and Graffiti; 7) Litter Visual Assessment; 8) Bikeways – Completed Projects and Green Bike Lanes Survey, and 9) TSMP Webpage and Next Steps.

The Committee expressed appreciation for the report.

On order of Chairperson Wadler and there being no objection, the Committee received information from the 2016 Transportation Systems Monitoring Report.

2000 MEASURE A CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE (CWC) PUBLIC HEARING

CALL TO ORDER

The 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) Public Hearing on Measure A Program expenditures was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Wadler.

20. Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) Public Hearing

Chairperson Wadler indicated that the Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) was conducting the Public Hearing (Hearing) in accordance with the 2000 Measure A ballot. He noted the purpose of the hearing is to provide the community an opportunity to express to the CWC its views, opinions and concerns on 2000 Measure A Program expenditures, the results of the annual independent compliance audit, and on 2000 Measure A Program reports.

Chairperson Wadler stated that the results of any input, combined with other data received, would be used by the CWC to form its conclusion if Measure A tax dollars for the period were spent in accordance with the intent of the ballot.

Chairperson Wadler stated the results will also be contained in the CWC's Annual Report on FY 2015, which will be made available to the public through various methods and also placed on VTA's website.

Chairperson Wadler stated because the hearing is to receive input exclusively on the Measure A Program, members of the public wishing to speak will be required to limit their comments to 2000 Measure A Program-related issues only.

Chairperson Wadler stated since the hearing is to receive community input, the Committee does not debate or engage in extended discussion with speakers or other Committee members. He stated Committee members may ask brief questions to clarify a statement or issue. If readily available or easily answered, the Committee or staff may provide brief answers. All other questions will be referred to staff to formulate a written response from the Committee.

Chairperson Wadler queried if any written comments had been received from the public, either via email or U.S. mail, noting those received would be provided to the Committee and audience and be entered into the official hearing record. No written comments were received.

Chairperson Wadler requested that speakers fill out a blue speaker card and verbally state their name for the record.

Public Comment

Jim Stallman, Interested Citizen, made the following comments: 1) encouraged VTA to publish the exact text of Measure A ballot language on publications and audit reports, so the public is clear what is being discussed; 2) looking forward to Vasona Line Extension, and; 3) thanked the Committee for tracking fund swaps.

Mr. Chatty commented on the following: 1) the estimated cost of the two mile Vasona Line Extension is nearly \$200M, noting estimated ridership of 200; 2) suggested measuring projected ridership against actual ridership on completed light rail extensions to determine cost effectiveness of expenditures, and; 3) thanked the Committee for their work.

Eugene Bradley, Founder Silicon Valley Transit Users, commented on the following: 1) supports including 2000 Measure A ballot language in publications and reports; 2) expressed concern that VTA has changed projects within 2000 Measure A without consulting voters, citing: Alum Rock/Santa Clara Corridor which was supposed to be a light rail corridor, but has since been changed to Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Service, and; second, along El Camino Real, Measure A language called for dedicated right lane queue jump lanes to speed up traffic. This has been changed to dedicated BRT lanes along El Camino Real; 3) suggests Committee study whether funds spent on 2000 Measure A projects have, in fact, done anything to reduce traffic; 4) expressed concern that a majority of funding has gone to the BART project, and; 4) suggested the report should reflect the deep cuts to bus service that have occurred since 2000.

Chairperson Wadler asked if there were any additional members of the public wishing to speak. Seeing none, Chairperson Wadler closed the Public Hearing at 6:11 p.m.

Chairperson Wadler stated in conclusion, the input received would be combined with other information received by the CWC to render its conclusion on if 2000 Measure A tax dollars are being spent in accordance with the intent of the Measure. The CWC will then inform Santa Clara County residents of its findings by publishing its conclusion in local newspapers and placing it on VTA's website, among other methods.

Chairperson Wadler stated that the transcript of the Hearing prepared by the court reporter and an audio recording of the Hearing will be available to the public within a reasonable timeframe following the Hearing.

COMBINED CAC AND CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE ITEMS

21. 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

22. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Announcements.

23. 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