

DOWNTOWN EAST VALLEY POLICY ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Downtown East Valley Policy Advisory Board (DTEV PAB) was called to order at 10:45 a.m. by Chairperson Herrera in Conference Room B-106, VTA River Oaks Campus, 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Magdalena Carrasco	Vice Chairperson	Present
Cindy Chavez	Member	Present
David Cortese	Member	Present
Rose Herrera	Chairperson	Present

A quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

There were no Public Presentations.

3. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Orders of the Day.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Regular Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2016

M/S/C (Chavez/Cortese) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2016.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Cindy Chavez, Member
SECONDER:	Dave Cortese, Member
AYES:	Herrera, Chavez, Cortese
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Carrasco

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

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project Status Update

Ken Ronsse, Deputy Director, Construction, provided the staff report. He noted that working with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), VTA developed a funding plan for the Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project (CELR). The funding plan will be presented and forwarded to the VTA Board of Directors' for their consideration in October 2016. Jim Lawson, Director of Government and Public Relations/Executive Policy Advisor, and Nuria I. Fernandez, General Manager, added that the funding plan will also be presented to the Standing Committees in September 2016.

Vice Chairperson Carrasco took her seat at 10:47 a.m.

Member Cortese noted he has been involved in conversations at MTC about the possibility of using the potential future Regional Measure (RM) 3 funds to fund the CELR project. Member Cortese noted the RM 3 is a measure that could be brought before the Bay Area voters in 2018. He thanked VTA staff for approaching MTC and looking for creative ways to fund the project.

Member Cortese noted his suggestion to consider renaming the CELR extension to a new name/description that reflects the project's regional importance and connectivity. He added the new name should clearly resonate with the Bay Area residents that this project has regional significance and connects people through the BART Station in Milpitas and the other parts of the Bay Area.

Chairperson Herrera thanked Member Cortese for all his work in San Jose and at MTC.

Mr. Lawson indicated staff will circulate among the DTEV members potential committee names for their consideration. The Committee can decide about the name change at the next meeting.

On order of Chairperson Herrera and there being no objection, the Committee received the Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project Status Update.

6. Alum Rock-Santa Clara Bus Rapid Transit Project Status Update

Mohamed Basma, Consultant, provided an overview of the staff report and provided status updates on the following: 1) Construction Overview; 2) C830 – Items from Cancelled Contract; 3) Downtown and City Hall Stations (C837); 4) Alum Rock Roadway and Stations (C836); and 5) Project Outreach.

Upon inquiry of Member Chavez, Ms. Fernandez stated that the lease for the project office in the area has been extended to June 2017. Mr. Lawson briefly discussed parking and the planned holiday events in the area.

Member Chavez requested the following information: 1) calendar of events for the area until the end of the year; 2) marketing and outreach activities and strategies in the area; and 3) VTA and San Jose Downtown Association responsibilities as it relates to management of VTA's investments in the area.

Upon inquiry of Vice Chairperson Carrasco, Mr. Basma stated that the change in contractor should not impact the overall project schedule, which is expected to finish by the end of January 2017. Staff is working diligently to make sure that the transition is as smooth as possible.

Member Chavez suggested staff consider a celebratory event upon completion of the project that highlights the economic vibrancy of the area and how the project contributes to the economic vitality of the area.

Member Cortese referred to the median construction near I-680 as shown on Attachment A and expressed concern about the traffic impacts. Staff explained the need for the construction activities in the area. Member Cortese requested staff to send the construction schedule, so that DTEV PAB members can include it in their newsletters. Ms. Fernandez added staff can also provide the forecast for traffic opening.

Public Comment

Bob Van Cleef, Interested Citizen, noted the following concerns: 1) the construction near I-680 causes major back up; 2) the blocked access to the westbound lane to and from the gas station at 33rd Street and Alum Rock Avenue is a safety improvement; 3) expressed concern regarding the amount of time it would take the city of San Jose to fix the lighting at King Road; and 4) complimented VTA staff, particularly Manolo Gonzalez-Estay, Policy Analyst, for his responsiveness to resident concerns.

Vice Chairperson Carrasco acknowledged Manolo for working diligently and working well with the community and the district office.

On order of Chairperson Herrera and there being no objection, the Committee received the Alum Rock-Santa Clara Bus Rapid Transit Project Status Update.

7. Alum Rock Small Business Sustainability Program Status Update

Mr. Lawson provided an overview of the staff report.

On order of Chairperson Herrera and there being no objection, the Committee received the Alum Rock Small Business Sustainability Program Status Update.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Announcements.

9. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Herrera and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mely Taganas, Executive Secretary
VTA Office of the Board Secretary