

Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Policy Advisory Board

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Policy Advisory Board was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Chairperson Cortese in Isaac Newton Senter Auditorium, County Government Center, San Jose, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Sylvia Arenas	Member	Absent
Magdalena Carrasco	Vice Chairperson	Present
Cindy Chavez	Member	Present
David Cortese	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 December 7, 2017

M/S/C (Carrasco/Chavez) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2017.

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

5. **2018 Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Policy Advisory Board Meeting Schedule**

M/S/C (Carrasco/Chavez) to approve the 2018 Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Policy Advisory Board Meeting Schedule.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] – Agenda Item #4-5
MOVER:	Magdalena Carrasco, Vice Chairperson
SECONDER:	Cindy Chavez, Member
AYES:	Carrasco, Chavez, Cortese
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Arenas

REGULAR AGENDA

6. **Eastridge to BART Regional Connector, Capitol Expressway LRT Extension Financing Status Update**

Jim Lawson, Government Affairs Director & Executive Policy Advisor, provided an overview of highlights of the last meeting.

Ken Ronsee, Deputy Director, Construction, Engineering and Transportation, provided the staff report highlighting the following possible financing alternatives: 1) reduce project contingency; 2) pursue federal funding; 3) increase amount for Regional Measure 3 (RM3) funding; 4) other grant funds; 5) 2000 Measure A, and; 6) recommendation for proposed project funding.

Mr. Lawson added, should the Committee recommend, the VTA Board would be asked to make a budget adjustment in the July/August timeframe by precluding those savings from the BART extension.

Members of the Committee and staff discussed the following: 1) budget cycle timeline, and; 2) request the Board to formally adopt the funding plan for the EBRC – Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project (LRT).

Public Comment

Roland Lebrun, Interested Citizen, provided the following comments: 1) advocated for a future light rail extension along Capitol Expressway eventually connecting to the existing Capitol LRT station; 2) expressed concern on the high project costs and commented it is an irresponsible use of Measure A funds; 3) lack of South County project prioritization, and; 4) suggested prioritizing projects in terms of congestion management relief.

Member Chavez noted the Committee's general direction is to request the following: 1) include in the March 21, 2018 staff report the prior Board's actions, which prioritized

the project, and; 2) bring this item to the Board, including the associated budget amendment, earlier than the normal budget schedule.

On Order of Chairperson Cortese, and there being no objection, the Committee received the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector, Capitol Expressway LRT Extension Financing Status Update.

7. Pedestrian Overcrossing at Story Road

Mr. Ronsee provided a verbal report and a handout entitled “Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project,” highlighting: 1) Simulated Aerial View of Story Station; 2) Story Station Pedestrian Bridge Elevation/Story Station Simulated Top View, and; 3) Outrigger Bents Typical/Bridge Over Story Road.

Committee Members and staff discussed the following: 1) encouraged adding architectural creativity and nuances for a pedestrian bridge the community can be proud of; 2) integration of community input; 3) would like to see early draft of renderings focused on community input; 4) community outreach may begin in the spring and summer of 2018, and; 5) coordinate community outreach efforts with affected local municipality districts.

On Order of Chairperson Cortese, and there being no objection, the Committee received a report on the Pedestrian Overcrossing at Story Road.

OTHER

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Announcements.

9. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Cortese and there being no objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita McGraw, Board Assistant
VTA Office of the Board Secretary