

Policy Advisory Committee

Thursday, January 11, 2018

MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Chairperson Miller in Conference Room B-106, Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Susan Landry	City of Campbell	Present
Rich Waterman (Alternate)	City of Campbell	NA
Rod Sinks	City of Cupertino	Present
Barry Chang (Alternate)	City of Cupertino	NA
Daniel Harney	City of Gilroy	Absent
Cat Tucker (Alternate)	City of Gilroy	Absent
Lynette Lee Eng	City of Los Altos	Present
Jeannie Bruins (Alternate)	City of Los Altos	NA
Michelle Wu	Town of Los Altos Hills	Present
Gary Waldeck (Alternate)	Town of Los Altos Hills	NA
Rob Rennie	Town of Los Gatos	Present
Marcia Jensen (Alternate)	Town of Los Gatos	NA
Vacant	City of Milpitas	-
Vacant (Alternate)	City of Milpitas	-
Vacant	City of Monte Sereno	-
Curtis Rogers (Alternate)	City of Monte Sereno	NA
Rich Constantine	City of Morgan Hill	Present
Rene Spring (Alternate)	City of Morgan Hill	NA
Lenny Siegel	City of Mountain View	Present
Margaret Abe-Koga (Alternate)	City of Mountain View	NA
Liz Kniss	City of Palo Alto	Present
Cory Wolbach (Alternate)	City of Palo Alto	NA
Magdalena Carrasco	City of San Jose	Absent
<i>Vacant (Alternate)</i>	<i>City of San Jose</i>	-
Kathy Watanabe	City of Santa Clara	Present
Patrick Kolstad (Alternate)	City of Santa Clara	NA
Howard Miller	City of Saratoga	Present
Rishi Kumar (Alternate)	City of Saratoga	NA
Glenn Hendricks	City of Sunnyvale	Present
Nancy Smith (Alternate)	City of Sunnyvale	NA
Mike Wasserman	SCC Board of Supervisors	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:

John McAlister, VTA Board Member, made the following comments: 1) noted the importance of the PAC Committee and the responsibility of the Members; 2) commented how transportation plays a big role in the community; and 3) expressed appreciation for Member Constantine showing interest in a leadership role.

Member Lee Eng arrived and took her seat at 4:03 p.m. and a quorum was declared.

4. Committee Staff Report

Aaron Quigley, Senior Policy Analyst and Acting Staff Liaison, introduced Nuria I. Fernandez, General Manager/CEO. Ms. Fernandez provided a report on the accomplishments of 2017 and priorities for 2018.

Member Sinks arrived and took his seat at 4:10 p.m.

Member Kniss arrived and took her seat at 4:13 p.m.

Members of the Committee and staff discussed the following: 1) the status of the 2016 Measure B funds; 2) impacts of the lawsuit on the SR 85 Corridor Study; 3) a funding disbursement plan once the lawsuit is settled; 4) the 2016 Measure B guidelines; 3) technology's role in the future of transportation; 5) accrued interest of the escrowed 2016 Measure B; and 6) VTA's retired bus program, specifically what happens when the buses are taken out of service; and any opportunities for schools to use them.

A Member of the Committee requested staff to provide an offline report that would detail VTA's plan for the SR 85 Corridor study if the 2016 Measure B funds do not become available in the time planned.

Ms. Fernandez stated that VTA always had a clear and transparent process in its programs. She indicated an update about 2016 Measure B will be agendaized for a future meeting, and staff will address the Committee's questions surrounding funds, status of the lawsuit and the guidelines. Ms. Fernandez noted she looks forward to working with the Committee in the upcoming year.

Public Comment

Roland Lebrun, Interested Citizen, made the following comments: 1) recommended that there be a separate Board for the Congestion Management Agency (CMA) apart from the VTA Board; and 2) provided suggestions related to light rail express trains, 2016 Measure B and paratransit.

Carlos Orellana, Senior Assistant Counsel, provided a brief status report regarding the 2016 Measure B lawsuit.

Mr. Quigley provided a brief report, highlighting the following: 1) summary of actions taken by the VTA Board of Directors (Board) at the January 4, 2018, meeting; and 2) announced the Government affairs written report was at the Members table and Public table; 3) reported about fare and service changes that went into effect on January 1, 2018; and 4) announced the new Member Orientation will immediately follow the PAC meeting held on February 15, 2018.

5. Chairperson's Report

There was no Chairperson's Report.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Regular Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2018

M/S/C (Wasserman/Constantine) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2018.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Election Process for 2018 PAC Committee Leadership: Conduct Elections

Stephen Flynn, Advisory Committee Coordinator, provided a brief background and overview of the election process.

Member Sinks provided a brief report from the nomination subcommittee, noting Members Constantine, Miller, Rennie and Sinks expressed interest in Chair and/or Vice Chair for 2018.

Members Constantine, Miller, Rennie and Sinks addressed the Committee and shared their reasons why they are interested in a leadership position.

On a vote of 9 ayes 3 and 0 abstains to elect Howard Miller as the Policy Advisory Committee Chairperson for 2018.

RESULT:	Elected 2018 Chairperson – Agenda Item #4
AYES:	Hendricks, Kniss, Lee Eng, Miller, Rennie, Siegel, Sinks, Watanabe, Wu
NOES:	Constantine, Landry, Wasserman
ABSENT:	Carrasco, Harney
ABSTAIN:	None

On a vote of 7 ayes 5 and 0 abstains to elect Rod Sinks as the Policy Advisory Committee Vice Chairperson for 2018.

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

RESULT:	Elected 2018 Vice Chairperson – Agenda Item #4
AYES:	Hendricks, Kniss, Miller, Siegel, Sinks, Watanabe, Wu
NOES:	Constantine, Landry, Lee Eng, Rennie, Wasserman
ABSENT:	Carrasco, Harney
ABSTAIN:	None

8. **Core Connectivity Program Update**

Aiko Cuenco, Transportation Planner III, provided an overview of the staff report and provided a presentation entitled "Core Connectivity Program Update," highlighting: 1) Background; 2) Findings; 3) Flexible; 4) Flexible Service Models = Low Productivity; 5) Microtransit Pilot Outcomes; 6) Program Implementation; 7) Demonstration Projects; 8) Grant Program for Community- Based Mobility Projects; and 9) Mobility Toolkit.

Members of the Committee made the following comments: 1) inquired about the FLEX Pilot Program in Santa Clara; 2) referenced slide 8 of the presentation and encouraged staff to focus on the last bullet "Demand –response demonstration projects" in order to gather new information to better form a policy and make decisions; 3) noted the first and last mile gap is a deterrent for the public to ride transit; 4) recommended staff seek opportunities for public-private partnerships; 5) commented about wanting to see more innovative models and solutions, including what the future of technology will look like in transportation; 6) encouraged staff to find ways to make the current system better, using the tools VTA already has available; 7) the need for VTA to hold accountable any partnerships as it relates to public and driver safety; and 8) expressed support for the program.

Member Hendricks left his seat at 5:22 p.m.

Public Comment

Sheillina Brunston, Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 265, made the following comments: 1) thanked the Committee for their work; 2) reminded the Committee that when looking at first and last mile solutions, VTA already provides a service and to find ways to maximize VTA's ability to serve the public; 3) reported about the many drivers that have downtime, when that time could be used to serve the public to fill in first and last mile gaps; And 4) Private shuttle companies and transportation network companies need to be held to the same standards as VTA if servicing the public with public funds.

Members Kniss, Constantine, and Wasserman left their seats at 5:37 p.m. and a Committee of the Whole was declared.

On order of Chairperson Miller and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received an update on VTA's Core Connectivity Program and related implementation efforts.

9. **(Deferred)**

Receive presentation on the latest milestones in the implementation of Senate Bill 743 and the transition from Level of Service (LOS) to Vehicle-Miles-Traveled (VMT) in transportation impact analysis.

10. I-280 Corridor Study Update

Gene Gonzalo, Engineering Group Manager, and Shanthi Chatradhi, Associate Transportation Engineer, provided an overview of the staff report and distributed a presentation entitled “I-280 Corridor Study,” highlighting: 1) Project Development Process; 2) I-280 Corridor Study; 3) Study Objectives; 4) Data Collection ; 5) Public Engagement Responses; 6) Potential Solutions for Key Public Inputs; 7) Potential Reversible HOV/Express Lane Connector at I-280/SR85; 8) Evaluation Criteria; 9) Project Development Process; and 10) Summary.

Discussion ensued about the following: 1) the importance for improvements to various corridors in Santa Clara County; 2) finding ways to use mass transit to help ease the congestion on I-280 in the San Jose - Cupertino area; and 3) including City of Campbell during VTA’s outreach efforts; and 4) the timeline for the projects development process to completion.

On order of Chairperson Miller and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received final report for I-280 Corridor Study.

OTHER

11. Committee Work Plan

Chairperson Miller requested staff provide an update on the following items: 1) the current Measures; 2) 2016 Measure B funds, including the status of the lawsuit and a funding plan for when funds are released; 3) different types of innovative solutions; and 4) VTA’s retirement bus program.

On order of Chairperson Miller and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole reviewed the Committee Work Plan.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were Announcements.

13. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Miller and there being no objection, the Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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VTA Office of the Board Secretary