

STATE ROUTE 85 CORRIDOR POLICY ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, January 25, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board (SR 85) was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Chairperson Sinks in the Auditorium, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), 3331 North First Street, San José, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Glenn Hendricks	Member	Present
Tara Martin-Milius	Alternate Member	N/A
Walter Huff	Member	Absent
Burton Craig	Alternate Member	Present
Marcia Jensen	Member	Present
Rob Rennie	Alternate Member	N/A
John McAlister	Member	Present
Lenny Siegel	Alternate Member	N/A
Howard Miller	Member	Present
Mary-Lynne Bernald	Alternate Member	N/A
Paul Resnikoff	Member	Present
Liz Gibbons	Alternate Member	N/A
Megan Satterlee	Member	Present
Jeannie Bruins	Alternate Member	N/A
Rod Sinks	Member	Present
Barry Chang	Alternate Member	N/A
Chappie Jones	Member	Present
<i>Vacant, San José</i>	<i>Alternate Member</i>	N/A
<i>Vacant, County</i>	<i>Member</i>	N/A
<i>Vacant, County</i>	<i>Alternate Member</i>	N/A
Bijan Sartipi	Ex-Officio, Caltrans	Present
Dan McElhinney	Alt. Ex-Officio, Caltrans	N/A

A quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Roland Lebrun, Interested Citizen, commented on: 1) using the private sector for funding; and 2) using private buses to fill an express lane.

3. **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Member Satterlee requested that **Agenda Item #7**, State Route 85 Corridor PAB Work Plan Schedule Update be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.

Member Hendricks requested that **Agenda Item #5**, 2016 State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board Meeting Schedule, be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.

M/S/C (Miller/Resnikoff) to accept the Orders of the Day.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. **Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2015**

M/S/C (Miller/Resnikoff) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2015.

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

Approve the 2016 State Route (SR) 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board (PAB) Meeting Schedule.

6. **SR 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board's Revised Objectives**

M/S/C (Miller/Resnikoff) to adopt the revised objectives for the State Route 85 (SR 85) Corridor Policy Advisory Board.

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

Receive a progress update on the State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board's work program.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. **2016 State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board Meeting Schedule**

Member Hendricks asked the committee to consider evening meetings and meeting in the cities along the corridor to increase transparency and allow the public to attend more easily. Nuria I. Fernandez, General Manager, noted she would discuss the matter with the Office of the Board Secretary and the VTA Board Chairperson and provide a report to the committee at the February 22, 2016 meeting.

M/S/C (Hendricks/Miller) to approve the 2016 State Route (SR) 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board (PAB) Meeting Schedule.

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

7. **State Route 85 Corridor PAB Work Plan Schedule Update**

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) expressed concern that the work plan does not align with the objectives; 2) expressed concern that the committee focus is on transit and projects without having policy recommendations; 3) the work plan is flexible; and 4) balancing policy, projects, and short term opportunity.

On order of Chairperson Sinks and there being no objection, the Committee received a progress update on the State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board's work program.

8. **Study Area Existing Conditions**

John Ristow, Director of Planning & Program Development and Staff Liaison, and Chris Augenstein, Deputy Director of Planning, gave a brief overview highlighting: 1) Origin Cities of Commuters Who Work in Santa Clara County Year 2010; 2) Bay Area Commutes; 3) Commutes to Mountain View; 4) Commutes from Santa Clara County; 5) Roadway Network; 6) Roadway Network LOS F; 7) 2013 Transit Network; 8) Existing Freeway Traffic Conditions; 9) Bicycle Network; 10) Class 1 and 2; 11) Class 1; 12) Class One with CBC; 13) Development Trends Snapshot; 14) 2013 Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Jobs; 15) 2013 ABAG Workers; 16) Workers & Jobs; 17) 2013 Workers Big Projects; 18) Local Roads Pavement Condition Index; 19) Pavement Condition Index – Santa Clara County & Cities; 20) A Look Ahead; 21) Growth & Development Patterns; 22) 2013 PM Peak LOS F; 23) 2040 PM Peak LOS F; 24) Transit Future Considerations.

Discussion ensued on the following: 1) expressed concern that not all development projects are included on the map; 2) the project information source and suggested the project list be updated; 3) creating separate maps for currently approved projects and upcoming unapproved projects development plans; 4) expressed concern that the maps do not include Morgan Hill and Gilroy; and 5) common understanding of the connection between land use and transportation.

Staff noted maps were created using data submitted by cities and ABAG.

Public Comment

Mr. Lebrun made the following comments: 1) expressed appreciation that planning is moving forward; 2) Caltrain electrification will result in lower train capacity; and 3) suggested VTA look into specifics of Caltrain's plans.

Rishi Kumar, Interested Citizen, made the following comments: 1) anticipating capacity when making changes to SR 85; 2) make public transportation easy; and 3) data collected is only as good as how it is used.

On order of Chairperson Sinks and there being no objection, the Committee received a presentation on the study area's existing transportation conditions.

9. Adopt Criteria for Screening of Transportation Projects

Jay Tyree, Transportation Planner, reviewed the staff report.

Members of the Ccommittee discussed the following: 1) how the benefit is defined and who benefits the most; 2) bicycles and pedestrians are important; 3) land use and transportation connection; and 4) inefficient perception of transportation.

M/S/C (Jones/McAlister) on a vote of 7 ayes to 2 noes to 0 abstentions to adopt a set of criteria for screening of the transportation projects and amend the first criteria to read “Potential to increase throughput on SR 85 corridor” and amend the fifth criteria to read “Potential to reduce travel times for all modes of transportation”. Members Jensen and Satterlee opposed.

10. (Deferred)

Discuss Potential Transportation Options for Screening.

10.X. Update on Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act

Rod Diridon, Emeritus Executive Director, Mineta Transportation Institute, reviewed the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, highlighting the following: 1) up to 80% federal match and 20% local match for projects; and 2) including feasible alternatives when applying for funds.

Public Comment

Mr. Lebrun made the following comments: 1) 90% of FAST Act funding is designated for highways; 2) projects must be ready to start in 18 months; and 3) projects need to have a freight plan.

Kurt, Evans, Government Affairs Manager, provided additional information on the FAST Act, highlighting the following: 1) covers fiscal year 2016 to fiscal year 2020 for surface transportation; 2) \$305 billion is authorized with 80% earmarked for highway projects and 20% for the Federal Transit Administration; 3) programs are likely to get \$40-50 million per year; 4) New Starts Small Starts Program; and 5) the FAST Act money comes from the general fund.

On order of Chairperson Sinks and there being no objection, the Committee received an update on the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chairperson McAlister requested to receive presentations in advance of the meeting, to allow him adequate time to review the presentations.

Chairperson Sinks made the following announcements: 1) budget for the proposed one half cent tax put together by the West Valley and North County cities; 2) the City of Cupertino produced a short video about transit on the SR 85 corridor; and 3) the fortieth anniversary of the first transit tax and a brief review of the history of the SR 85 corridor.

Member Satterlee left the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Sinks and there being no objection, the Committee meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thalia Young, Board Assistant
VTA Office of the Board Secretary