



## STATE ROUTE 85 CORRIDOR POLICY ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, February 22, 2016

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board (SR 85) was called to order at 10:05 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	Present
Walter Huff	Member	Absent
Burton Craig	Alternate Member	Absent
Marcia Jensen	Member	Present
Rob Rennie	Alternate Member	N/A
John McAlister	Member	Present
Pat Showalter	Alternate Member	N/A
Howard Miller	Member	Present
Mary-Lynne Bernald	Alternate Member	N/A
Paul Resnikoff	Member	Absent
Liz Gibbons	Alternate Member	Present
Megan Satterlee	Member	Present
Jeannie Bruins	Alternate Member	Present
Rod Sinks	Member	Present
Barry Chang	Alternate Member	N/A
Chappie Jones	Member	Present
<i>Vacant, San José</i>	<i>Alternate Member</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Vacant, County</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Vacant, County</i>	<i>Alternate Member</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Bijan Sartipi	Ex-Officio, Caltrans	Absent
Dan McElhinney	Alt. Ex-Officio, Caltrans	Absent

**A quorum was present.**

Member Miller took his seat at 10:06 a.m.

#### 2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Roland Lebrun, Interested Citizen, made the following comments: 1) requested that Committee presentations be posted on VTA’s website prior to the meetings; and 2) private shuttles.

### 3. **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

There were no Orders of the Day.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### 4. **Regular Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2016**

M/S/C (Satterlee/McAlister) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2016.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### 5. **Silicon Valley's Transportation Future, Part 1: A Vision Beyond Gridlock**

Chairperson Sinks presented a video titled "Silicon Valley's Transportation Future, Part 1: A Vision Beyond Gridlock." Chairperson Sinks noted that the City of Cupertino put together an expenditure plan for the proposed ½ cent sales tax, which has support from five West Valley and North County cities (Mountain View, Palo Alto, Cupertino, Campbell, and Los Altos).

Member Miller expressed concern that the Committee has not held a discussion regarding projects, noting that the focus has been on wordsmithing.

#### **Public Comment**

Upon query of Mr. Lebrun, Chairperson Sinks shared the webpage ([www.cupertino.org/transit](http://www.cupertino.org/transit)) where the video can be found and indicated that it is the first video to date.

**On order of Chairperson Sinks** and there being no objection, the Committee received an informational video from the City of Cupertino, Silicon Valley's Transportation Future, Part 1: A Vision Beyond Gridlock.

#### 6. **Framework to Evaluate Mobility Options for the State Route 85 Corridor Study Area**

Steven Fisher, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an overview, highlighting: 1) finding a solution that helps all cities along the State Route 85 (SR 85) corridor; and 2) the diverse needs of the cities along the corridor.

Discussion ensued regarding the following: 1) developing projects based on funding vs. developing projects to pursue funding; 2) using weighted criteria; and 3) expressed concern that the Committee should focus more on policy as opposed to projects.

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

Upon request of Member Jones, VTA Board Chairperson Cindy Chavez stated the Board of Directors' expectations of the Committee, highlighting the following: 1) the Committee is responding to the effects of a good economy and the ballot initiative; 2) if the Committee wants to have a concrete outcome then concrete projects should be presented to the Board; 3) money set aside for policy framework if the Committee's focus is on policy outcomes; and 4) the Committee's recommendation to the Board meets the needs of the cities along the SR 85 corridor.

### **Public Comment**

Meir Levi, Interested Citizen, made the following comments: 1) expressed concern regarding the excessive noise from SR 85; and 2) urged the Committee to think about the residents around the freeway.

Members of the Committee requested to discuss Agenda Item #7 before taking action on Agenda Item #6.

### **The Agenda was taken out of Order.**

#### **7. Transportation Options for Screening**

John Ristow, Director of Planning & Program Development and Staff Liaison, noted the following: 1) the list of 24 projects focuses on the SR 85 corridor is narrowed down from the complete list of 600 projects; 2) requested the Committee indicate a starting point on projects which the Committee would like to be studied further; and 3) the use of express lanes; and express buses.

Member of the Committee, Staff, and Eileen Goodwin, Apex Strategies, discussed the following: 1) SR 85 options (no change, one express lane, two express lanes, one express lane and one transit lane, and fixed rail); 2) efficiently moving people to North County; 3) current backbones in the County; 4) current and future connection points; 5) quality of life for commuters and residents; and 6) noise abatement.

### **Public Comment**

Ruth Calahan, Interested Citizen, expressed concern about; 1) toll lanes increasing noise and not lessening cut through traffic; and 2) spending money from the tax measure which we do not have.

Mr. Lebrun made the following comments: 1) light rail is the wrong medium for SR 85; 2) residents want a system faster and quieter than BART; and 3) VTA can learn from private buses.

**On order of Chairperson Sinks** and there being no objection, the Committee discussed potential transportation options for screening.

#### **6. Framework to Evaluate Mobility Options for the State Route 85 Corridor Study Area (Continued)**

Committee discussion continued regarding: 1) land use; and 2) putting the criteria into broad categories: a) ridership; b) traffic; c) operations; d) funding; and e) land use.

## **Public Comment**

Mr. Lebrun suggested the Committee look at the results of the Envision Silicon Valley survey.

**M/S/C (Miller/Satterlee)** to approve a framework to evaluate mobility options for the State Route 85 Corridor Study Area, as amended in the following ways: 1) move the item about funding to another phase of evaluation; 2) add to the evaluation criteria improvement throughput and efficiency to the top; and 3) direct staff organize the criteria into categories.

## **8. Progress Update on the State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board Work Program**

Mr. Ristow provided a brief overview of the SR 85 Corridor PAB Work Program.

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) refining the list of projects at future meetings; and 2) changing the criteria as needed when evaluating projects.

Vice Chairperson McAlister noted that Task 6 of the Work Program is in progress and not completed.

Chairperson Sinks requested that the list of projects being considered by the Committee be provided to the TAC Member from each of the corridor cities and the City Councils for their review.

**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.

## **9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Announcements.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

**On order of Chairperson Sinks** and there being no objection, the Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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