

## STATE ROUTE 85 CORRIDOR POLICY ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, March 21, 2016

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board (SR 85) was called to order at 10:01 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	Absent
Tara Martin-Milius	Alternate Member	Present
Walter Huff	Member	Absent
Burton Craig	Alternate Member	Present
Marcia Jensen	Member	Present
Rob Rennie	Alternate Member	N/A
John McAlister	Member	Absent
Pat Showalter	Alternate Member	Present
Howard Miller	Member	Present
Mary-Lynne Bernald	Alternate Member	N/A
Paul Resnikoff	Member	Absent
Liz Gibbons	Alternate Member	Present
Megan Satterlee	Member	Absent
Jeannie Bruins	Alternate Member	Present
Rod Sinks	Member	Present
Barry Chang	Alternate Member	N/A
Chappie Jones	Member	Absent
<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.**

#### 2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Roland Lebrun, Interested Citizen, commented on smart freeways.

Cheriel Jensen, Interested Citizen, mentioned that she heard the State Route 85 (SR 85) express lanes are part of the potential ballot measure.

Member Miller noted that no projects have been decided for the ballot measure.

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

There were no Orders of the Day.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### 4. **Regular Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2016**

**M/S/C (Jensen/Miller)** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2016.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Marcia Jensen, Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Howard Miller, Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Bruins, Craig, Gibbons, Jensen, Martin-Milius, Miller, Sinks
<b>NOES:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Jones, Showalter

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### 5. **Existing Travel Conditions on State Route 85**

Casey Emoto, Deputy Director Project Development, provided an overview of the SR 85 Existing Conditions, highlighting: 1) Level of Service (LOS); 2) SR 85 Northbound AM Level of Service; 3) SR 85 Southbound PM Level of Service; 4) SR 85; 5) SR 85 Northbound AM Travel Times; 6) SR 85 Southbound PM Travel Times; 7) SR 85 Northbound AM Vehicle Throughput; 8) SR 85 Southbound PM Vehicle Throughput; 9) SR 85 Northbound AM Person Throughput; and 10) SR 85 Southbound PM Person Throughput.

Alternate Member Showalter took her seat at 10:08 a.m.

Members of the Committee and staff discussed the following: 1) peak hour; 2) data collection method and timing; 3) future modeling; and 4) where cars enter and exit at SR 85.

#### **Public Comment**

Mr. Lebrun suggested the following: 1) consider a faster alternative to light rail; and 2) make a compressed time lapse video of SR 85 traffic.

Member Miller requested staff bring back the time frame for the peak hour. Alternate Member Bruins requested that this data be provided before the next meeting and include the peak period and the carpool hours.

Member Miller requested that the numbers be separated by north and south traffic for the vehicle and person throughput.

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

**On order of Chairperson Sinks** and there being no objection, the Committee received a report on existing travel conditions on State Route 85.

**6. Express Lane Alternatives on State Route 85**

Mr. Emoto provided an overview of the Express Lanes Alternatives on SR 85, highlighting: 1) Priced Managed Lanes Across the Country; 2) Tolling and Express Lanes in California; 3) Express Lanes in the Bay Area; 4) Express Lanes and Income Equity; 5) Types of Vehicles Using SR 237 Express Lanes; 6) SR 85 PAB Alternatives; 7) Express Lane: One Lane Each Direction on SR 85; 8) Express Lane: Two Lanes Each Direction - SR 87 to I-280; 9) Northbound AM Peak Travel Time Savings; 10) Southbound PM Peak Travel Time Savings; 11) 2035 Northbound AM Peak Travel Time Savings; and 12) 2035 Southbound PM Peak Travel time Savings.

Discussion ensued on the following: 1) express lanes in the Bay Area; 2) time savings forecast; 3) SR 85 capacity forecast; 4) changing the behaviors of commuters; and 5) SR 237 express lane usage had conservative projections.

**Public Comment**

Ms. Jensen commented on other Bay Area freeways where lane merges cause backups and encouraged Committee Members to drive those freeways at peak times.

Mr. Lebrun commented on the capacity of different modes of transportation per hour.

The discussion continued, highlighting: 1) serving all members of the community; 2) increasing VTA's ridership; and 3) tracking traffic through bluetooth data or getting the data from outside sources.

Members of the Committee would like to see the evaluation criteria grouped into categories.

Member Miller asked for data on where people are entering and exiting SR 85 and the Level of Service (LOS) by hour.

Chairperson Sinks would like staff to look into incentivizing the use of express lanes.

**On order of Chairperson Sinks** and there being no objection, the Committee received a report on express lanes alternatives on State Route 85.

**7. Progress Report on SR 85 PAB Work Program**

Steven Fisher, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a brief overview of the SR 85 PAB Work Program.

**On order of Chairperson Sinks** and there being no objection, the Committee received a progress report on the State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board's Work Program.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Announcements.

**9. 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  
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