

STATE ROUTE 85 CORRIDOR POLICY ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, April 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 10:06 a.m. by Chairperson Sinks in Community Hall, 10350 Torre Avenue, Cupertino, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Megan Satterlee	Member	Absent
Barry Chang	Alternate Member	Absent
Howard Miller	Member	Present
Burton Craig	Alternate Member	Absent
Rod Sinks	Chairperson	Present
Jeannie Bruins	Alternate Member	Present
John McAlister	Vice Chairperson	Present
Marcia Jensen	Member	Present
Paul Resnikoff	Member	Present
Rob Rennie	Alternate Member	Absent
Chappie Jones	Member	Present
Mary-Lynne Bernald	Alternate Member	Absent
Walter Huff	Member	Absent
Elizabeth Gibbons	Alternate Member	Absent
Glenn Hendricks	Member	Absent
Tara Martin-Milius	Alternate Member	Present
Pat Showalter	Alternate Member	Absent
Bijan Sartipi	Ex-Officio Member	Absent
Dan McElhinney	Ex-Officio Alt. Member	Absent

A quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Steven, Interested Citizen, suggested holding the SR 85 PAB meetings in South San Jose in the evenings to better determine the traffic issues on State Route (SR 85) during the evening commute.

Alternate Member Bruins took her seat at 10:09 a.m.

3. **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

There were no Orders of the Day.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. **Regular Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2016**

M/S/C/ (Bruins/Jones) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2016.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. **Transit Lane and Light Rail Alternatives on State Route 85**

Steven Fisher, Senior Transportation Planner, gave a presentation titled “Transit Lanes and Light Rail (LRT) Alternatives on SR 85”, highlighting: 1) SR 85 PAB Alternatives; 2) Summary; 3) Assumptions; 4) Evaluation Tools; 5) SR 85 Express Bus Alternative: AM Peak Pattern; 6) 4A - One Transit Lane Each Direction and Retain High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane; 7) 4B - One Transit Lane Each Direction and Convert HOV Lanes with Express Lanes; 8) 4A & 4B Cross-Section (North of I-280); 9) 5A - Median Running LRT and Retain HOV Lane; 10) 5B - Median Running LRT and Convert HOV Lanes with Express Lanes; 11) 5A & 5B Cross-Section (South of I-280) At-Grade; 12) 5A & 5B Cross-Section (South of I-280) At-Grade Under Structures; 13) 5A & 5B Cross-Section (North of I-280) Aerial; 14) Cost Detail: Transit Lane Alternatives (4A & 4B); 15) Cost Detail: LRT Alternatives (5A & 5B); 16) Alternative Capital Cost Summary; 17) Operating Cost; 18) Daily Ridership; 19) LRT Daily Boardings by Station - 2040; 20) Systemwide Mode of Access - 2040; and 21) Parking Assumptions.

Members of the Committee and Staff discussed the following: 1) light rail and bus ridership; 2) Park and Ride lots; 3) greenhouse gases; 4) conducting a comprehensive study; 5) use of bus lanes during non-commute times; and 6) Bay Area transportation trends.

Member Miller took his seat at 10:34 a.m.

Public Comment

Ron Swenson, Interested Citizen, provided a handout for Members of the PAB about Solar Automated Nonstop Elevated (SANE) Transit and elaborated on it.

Bruce Euzent, Interested Citizen, commented on the following: 1) morning traffic is from 6:30 a.m. until almost 11:00 a.m.; and 2) encouraged staff and the Committee to look at other successful transit models.

Ruth Callahan, Interested Citizen, commented on the following: 1) expressed support for mass transit; 2) proven alternative methods; and 3) ozone and particulates.

Cheriel Jensen, Interested Citizen, commented on the following: 1) connections; and 2) finding a creative solution.

Steven commented on the following: 1) riders use transit to and from their destinations; 2) greenhouse gases will be a non-issue in 2040; 3) hiring a taxi for each rider is cheaper than transit; and 4) buses are able to change routes and light rail is fixed.

The Committee discussion continued, highlighting: 1) exploring a wide range of options; 2) after the study is completed the time to implement the alternatives; 3) learning from other cities with successful transit systems; and 4) include all areas of the County when looking at housing growth.

Nuria I. Fernandez, General Manager, made the following comments: 1) referenced the discussion on Envision Silicon Valley at the April 22, 2016, VTA Board of Directors Workshop meeting; and 2) encouraged the Committee to provide a concrete recommendation to the Board of Directors. **On order of Chairperson Sinks** and there being no objection, the Committee received a report on SR 85 transit lane alternatives and Light Rail Transit (LRT) alternatives.

6. Progress Report on SR 85 PAB Work Program

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

Discussion ensued, highlighting the following: 1) topics for the May 23, 2016 meeting; 2) VTA's support for the West Valley cities and ensuring the study will happen; and 3) constraints.

Public Comment

Ms. Jensen expressed her opposition for any high occupancy toll (HOT) lane alternatives.

Steven expressed support for HOT lane alternatives.

Roland Lebrun, Interested Citizen, made the following comments: 1) suggested that instead of a 1/2 cent sales tax measure it should be a 1/8 cent sales tax measures; and 2) suggested staff focus on rail.

The Committee discussion continued, highlighting the following: 1) comparison between light rail options in other places and what VTA is exploring; 2) the big picture of a transit system and build the system to reach that goal; 3) connection between transit and land use; and 4) revenue sources to augment money brought in by the sales tax.

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.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Sinks inquired about the meeting location for the May 23, 2016, meeting. Ms. Fernandez replied that it has not been determined.

8. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Sinks and there being no objection, the Committee meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thalia Young, Board Assistant
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