



STATE ROUTE 85 CORRIDOR POLICY ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, September 26, 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 Community Hall, 10350 Torre Avenue, Cupertino, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Representing	Status
Mary-Lynne Bernald	Alternate Member	City of Saratoga	Absent
Jeannie Bruins	Alternate Member	City of Los Altos	Absent
Barry Chang	Alternate Member	City of Cupertino	Absent
Burton Craig	Alternate Member	City of Monte Sereno	Absent
Elizabeth Gibbons	Alternate Member	City of Campbell	Absent
Glenn Hendricks	Member	City of Sunnyvale	Absent
Walter Huff	Member	City of Monte Sereno	Absent
Marcia Jensen	Member	Town of Los Gatos	Present
Chappie Jones	Member	City of San José	Present
Tara Martin-Milius	Alternate Member	City of Sunnyvale	Present
John McAlister	Vice Chairperson	City of Mountain View	Present
Howard Miller	Member	City of Saratoga	Absent
Rob Rennie	Alternate Member	Town of Los Gatos	Absent
Paul Resnikoff	Member	City of Campbell	Present
Megan Satterlee	Member	City of Los Altos	Present
Pat Showalter	Alternate Member	City of Mountain View	Absent
Rod Sinks	Chairperson	City of Cupertino	Present
Bijan Sartipi	Ex-Officio Member	Caltrans	Present
Dan McElhinney	Alternate Ex-Officio Member	Caltrans	Absent

A quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Cheriel Jensen, Interested Citizen, commented on the following: 1) bus service reduction in Saratoga and Cupertino; and 2) extended High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lane hours.

Jim Stallman, Interested Citizen, commented on Saratoga access to the HOT lanes.

Jim Lawson, Government Affairs Director & Executive Policy Advisor, noted that staff will agendize HOT lane access and hours of operation at a future meeting.

3. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Orders of the Day.

4. Committee Staff Report

Carolyn Gonot, Interim Director of Planning & Program Development, reported the following: 1) VTA staff updates as they relate to the State Route 85 (SR 85) Corridor PAB; 2) internal budget adjustments to fund SR 85 Transit Guideway Study and New Rapid Transit Corridor Study; and 3) Express Bus Line 185 led by Jim Unites, Deputy Director, Service and Operations Planning.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Regular Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2016

Public Comment

Ruth Callahan, Interested Citizen, expressed concern with **Agenda Item #7**: Recommend Language Regarding SR 85 for Proposed Ballot Measure on the June 20, 2016 minutes.

Mr. Lawson made the following comments: 1) the VTA Board of Directors (Board) records include the language noted in the minutes, which was submitted to the Registrar of Voters; and 2) funding from Measure B will provide the money to complete the study.

M/S/C (Resnikoff/Jones) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2016.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Paul Resnikoff, Member
SECONDER:	Chappie Jones, Member
AYES:	Jensen, Jones, Martin-Milius, McAlister, Resnikoff, Satterlee, Sinks
ABSENT:	Huff, Miller

REGULAR AGENDA

Staff requested moving **Agenda Item #7**: Update on SR 85 Projects and Considerations for Delivery of the SR 85 Transit Lanes be heard before **Agenda Item #6**: Scope of Work - State Route 85 Transit Guideway Study.

7. Update on Projects and Considerations for Delivery of SR 85 Transit Lanes

Casey Emoto, Deputy Director Project Development, provided a presentation titled “Ongoing and Proposed SR 85 Projects and Considerations for Delivery of Projects,” highlighting: 1) What’s Happening Today; 2) SR 85 Noise Abatement; 3) US 101/SR 85 Express Lanes; 4) What’s Proposed with Measure B; 5) Coordination with Caltrans; and 6) Summary.

Members of the Committee and staff discussed the following: 1) project phasing; 2) noise abatement study; 3) potential changes in hours for High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) and Express Lanes; and 4) Express Bus service.

Public Comment

Mr. Stallman made the following comments: 1) expressed support for median transit; and 2) noted that metering lights on SR 85 are helping to regulate traffic.

Ms. Jensen commented on the following: 1) the noise study was primarily done in the middle of the day; and 2) Express Bus destinations.

Ms. Calahan commented that the noise abatement study areas do not include the areas where most residents live.

Roland Lebrun, Interested Citizen, made the following comments: 1) the adverse effects on traffic of changing the HOV lane hours; and 2) advocated for a transit lane over an express lane.

Steven Levin, Interested Citizen, made the following comments: 1) suggested that the minutes include the city represented by each member; 2) the imbalance of representation between the smaller cities and San José; 3) SR 85 is used by people other than commuters; 4) residents near the corridor should not complain if they bought their house after 1956 when the corridor was first part of plans by Caltrans; and 5) expressed support for adding auto lanes.

Upon inquiry from Member Satterlee, Mr. Lawson responded that the hours of operation for HOV and Express Lanes can be brought to a future meeting.

Chairperson Sinks inquired about the following: 1) when SR 85 was built; and 2) the appropriate time of day to conduct noise studies to get a better representation.

On order of Chairperson Sinks, and there being no objection, the Committee received a report on SR 85 projects and considerations for delivery of SR 85 transit lanes.

6. Scope of Work - State Route 85 Transit Guideway Study

Steven Fisher, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a presentation titled “Alternative Comparison on State Route 85 (SR 85),” highlighting: 1) Study Purpose; 2) Major Study Elements; 3) Relationship to a Transit Lane Project; 4) Bus Rapid Transit Concept; 5) Light Rail Transit Concept; and 6) Project Development Schedule.

Public Comment

Ms. Calahan made the following comments: 1) provided suggestions on how the public can provide feedback during the outreach process; and 2) expressed concern about how public meetings are conducted.

Mr. Lebrun made the following comments: 1) encouraged VTA to expedite the project; 2) consider a bus transit lane without major stops along SR 85; and 3) determine the public's travel patterns and design transit to serve the public's origin/destination.

Ms. Jensen commented on contracts signed by the corridor cities.

Mr. Levine made the following comments: 1) engage people who travel on SR 85 via banners announcing public meetings; and 2) encouraged VTA to add HOV lanes, free flow auto lanes, and express lanes.

Members of the Committee made the following comments: 1) expressed appreciation that plans for the corridor have been laid out; 2) expressed appreciation that multiple approaches are being considered; 3) taking best practices from other transportation agencies around the country; 4) relief could be a few months away; and 5) VTA's response to what the public is saying.

Member Satterlee requested staff to inform the PAB about the public outreach process.

On order of Chairperson Sinks, and there being no objection, the Committee received a report on the scope of work for the State Route 85 (SR 85) Transit Guideway Study.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of the Committee and staff discussed the next meeting date. Staff will consider cancelling the October 24, 2016 meeting and poll for a date in November after the November 8, 2016 election, pending sufficient information to present to the Committee.

Public Comment

Mr. Lebrun recommended the SR 85 PAB postpone their meeting until at least 10 days after the November 8, 2016 election.

9. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Sinks and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thalia Young, Board Assistant
VTA Office of the Board Secretary