



STATE ROUTE 85 CORRIDOR POLICY ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, November 16, 2015

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board (SR 85 Corridor PAB) was called to order at 10:11 a.m. by Acting Staff Liaison Chris Augenstein 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	Absent
Walter Huff	Member	Absent
Burton Craig	Alternate Member	Absent
Marcia Jensen	Member	Absent
Rob Rennie	Alternate Member	Present
John McAlister	Vice Chairperson	Present
Lenny Siegel	Alternate Member	Absent
Howard Miller	Member	Present
Mary-Lynne Bernald	Alternate Member	Absent
Paul Resnikoff	Member	Present
Liz Gibbons	Alternate Member	Present
Megan Satterlee	Member	Present
Jean Mordo	Alternate Member	Absent
Rod Sinks	Chairperson	Present
Barry Chang	Alternate Member	Absent
<i>Vacant, San José</i>	Member	N/A
<i>Vacant, San José</i>	Alternate Member	N/A
<i>Vacant, County</i>	Member	N/A
<i>Vacant, County</i>	Alternate Member	N/A
Bijan Sartipi	Ex-Officio, Caltrans	Absent
Dan McElhinney	Alt. Ex-Officio, Caltrans	Present

A quorum was present.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Received the following introductions from PAB Members: Rod Sinks, representing City of Cupertino; John McAlister, representing City of Mountain View; Howard Miller, representing City of Saratoga; Dan McElhinney, Ex-Officio Member representing

Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 4; Rob Rennie, representing the Town of Los Gatos; Megan Satterlee, representing the City of Los Altos; and Paul Resnikoff, representing the City of Campbell.

Received the following introductions from VTA staff members: Chris Augenstein, Acting Staff Liaison; Nuria I. Fernandez, General Manager; and Jim Lawson, Government Affairs Director & Executive Policy Advisor.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Augenstein opened the floor for nominations for the position of 2015-2016 State Route 85 Corridor (SR 85 Corridor PAB) Chairperson. Member McAlister nominated Rod Sinks as the 2015-2016 SR 85 Corridor PAB Chairperson.

M/S/C (McAlister/Rennie) to close nominations and elect Rod Sinks as SR 85 Corridor PAB Chairperson for 2015-2016.

Chairperson Sinks opened the floor for nominations for the position of 2015-2016 SR 85 Corridor PAB Vice Chairperson. Chairperson Sinks nominated John McAlister as the 2015-2016 SR 85 Corridor PAB Vice Chairperson.

M/S/C (Sinks/Rennie) to close nominations and elect John McAlister as SR 85 Corridor PAB Vice Chairperson for 2015-2016.

4. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Cheriel Jensen, Interested Citizen, made the following comments: 1) the West Valley region is getting a voice and needed help; and 2) commented on bringing innovative transit solutions to the West Valley.

5. ORDERS OF THE DAY

Member Satterlee requested that **Agenda Item #7**, Meeting Frequency of the State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board, be heard after **Agenda Item #9**, State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board Work Plan.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Bylaws for the State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board

Member Satterlee confirmed and clarified that the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson would serve through December 2016, which is more than one calendar year.

On order of Chairperson Sinks and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the bylaws and duties of the State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board (SR 85 Corridor PAB).

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

REGULAR AGENDA

8. **State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board (SR 85) Objectives, Scope, and Schedule**

Ying Smith, Transportation Planning Manager, explained the two goals for this meeting: 1) identify short and long term objectives and desirable outcomes; and 2) define the scope and schedule for the Phase 1 Transit Options Study.

Members of the Committee and Staff discussed the following: 1) concern that the area identified for the Phase 1 Transit Options Study does not include the entire length of SR 85; 2) areas outside of the Study area, such as Highway 101 in South San José, Almaden Expressway, and Highway 87 as well as associated interchanges, will be considered as they have an influence on traffic patterns along SR 85; and 3) implementing long term solutions and not short term fixes.

Member Satterlee noted that the bylaws use transportation and transit to mean the same thing. She requests it all be changed to transportation.

Public Comment

Ruth Callahan, Interested Citizen, commented on the following: 1) the scope focuses on SR 85, excluding highway junctions; 2) adding additional high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes on SR 85 is not a long term solution; and 3) encouraged the SR 85 PAB to make the corridor safe for the residents.

Ms. Jensen commented on the potential 2016 ballot measure.

M/S/C (McAlister/Miller) to move the bubble to the south to the Highway 101 and SR 85 interchange.

Member Satterlee would like to expand the Study area South as a narrow area down to Highway 101, excluding the area surrounding SR 85 in San José.

M/S/C (McAlister/Miller) to define the State Route 85 corridor for the purposes of the domain of this committee to extend in a narrow tail down SR 85 to the Highway 101 interchange in San José and include interchanges down to Highway 101.

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) improving the quality of life for all citizens affected by SR 85; 2) minimizing cross city traffic; and 3) jobs are located in North County while housing is concentrated in South County.

On order of Chairperson Sinks and there being no objection, the Committee discussed and confirmed the State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board objectives, scope, and schedule.

9. **State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board Work Plan**

Jay Tyree, Transportation Planner, provided a brief overview of the SR 85 Corridor PAB's draft work plan.

Members of the Committee expressed concern regarding the timeline of the work program, noting the Committee probably would have to meet on a monthly basis.

Public Comment

Liz Gibbons, Interested Citizen, commented on the following: 1) understands that this group will help define the ballot language; 2) dedicating \$45-50 million for the thorough and full study over time; 3) encouraged the PAB to not focus on picky solutions that do not solve anything; and 4) encouraged the SR 85 Corridor PAB to include money to cover the implementation of the agreed upon solution in the ballot measure.

M/S/C (Miller/Rennie) to adopt staff's proposed timeline and to clarify that transit means transportation in the Bylaws.

On order of Chairperson Sinks and there being no objection, the Committee discussed and confirmed the State Route 85 Policy Advisory Board work plan.

7. Meeting Frequency of the State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board

Members of the Committee made the following comments: 1) proposed that the Committee meet on a monthly basis; 2) recommended a meeting be held in December 2015; 3) during the December 2015 meeting, the Committee will determine a standard meeting schedule; and 4) suggested the meetings be held the second week of the month.

Ms. Fernandez recommended that once the Committee determines that the meetings will be held monthly, that the same day be selected every month, referencing VTA's other Committee meetings held.

M/S/C (Miller/Rennie) to propose that the SR 85 Corridor PAB meetings be held monthly.

On order of Chairperson Sinks and there being no objection, the Committee discussed the meeting frequency of the State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Announcements.

11. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Sinks and there being no objection, the Committee meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thalia Young, Board Assistant
VTA Office of the Board Secretary