



STATE ROUTE 85 CORRIDOR POLICY ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, December 12, 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	Present
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	Absent
Howard Miller	Member	City of Saratoga	Present
Rob Rennie	Alternate Member	Town of Los Gatos	Present
Paul Resnikoff	Member	City of Campbell	Present
Pat Showalter	Alternate Member	City of Mountain View	Absent
Rod Sinks	Chairperson	City of Cupertino	Present
Bijan Sartipi	Ex-Officio Member	Caltrans	Absent
Dan McElhinney	Alt. Ex-Officio Member	Caltrans	Absent

A quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Beverley Bryant, Interested Citizen, commented that high density along transit corridors is key to increasing ridership.

Roland Lebrun, Interested Citizen, commented on the following: 1) VTA parking policy; and 2) Smart Freeways.

3. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Orders of the Day.

Member Miller requested staff provide a work plan to the Committee. Carolyn Gonot, Interim Director of Planning & Program Development and Staff Liaison, indicated that a work plan can be created and placed on the Agenda.

4. Committee Staff Report

Ms. Gonot provided updates on the following: 1) 2016 Measure B; 2) Next Network; 3) Transit Guideway Request for Proposals (RFP); 4) Express Lanes.

Public Comment

Mr. Lebrun commented on the following: 1) 2016 Measure B; and 2) Transit Guideway RFP.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Regular Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2016

M/S/C (Resnikoff/Miller) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2016.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Paul Resnikoff, Member
SECONDER:	Howard Miller, Member
AYES:	Bruins, Jensen, Jones, Martin-Milius, Miller, Resnikoff, Sinks
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Huff, McAlister

REGULAR AGENDA

6. SR 85 Noise Reduction Program (Phase 1)

Gene Gonzalo, Engineering Group Manager - Capital Program, provided a presentation titled “SR 85 Noise Reduction Study (Phase 1),” highlighting: 1) Project Background; 2) Noise Reduction Pilot Testing Locations; and 3) Recommendation and Next Steps.

The Committee discussed the following: 1) pilot project; 2) similar paving projects; 3) pavement maintenance; and 4) other funding sources.

Public Comment

Meir Levi, Interested Citizen, made the following comments: 1) expressed gratitude for the noise study; and 2) other options for noise abatement.

Mr. Lebrun commented on the following: 1) how the asphalt reacts to rain; 2) repaving SR 85; and 3) displaying the decibels along SR 85 for the public to see.

Cheriel Jensen, Interested Citizen, commented on funding sources.

Steven Levin, Interested Citizen, commented that asphalt is prone to more accidents than concrete.

Members of the Committee and staff discussed the following: 1) Interstate 280 overlay project and similar paving projects; 3) next maintenance cycle for Highway 85; 4) cost of pilot project and implementation; 4) public outreach timeline; and 5) other funding sources.

On order of Chairperson Sinks, and there being no objection, the Committee received a report on the “State Route 85 Noise Reduction Study Final Phase I Report” dated September 2016.

7. Report on Express Route 185

Steve Fisher, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the staff report.

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) advertising; 2) assessing success; 3) partnering with small and medium sized companies; and 4) express bus schedule.

Public Comment

Mr. Lebrun commented that the Express 185 would compete with Caltrain and shuttles when it should complement what is existing.

Ms. Jensen suggested that the Express bus service start on a reservation basis.

Mr. Levin made the following comments: 1) double express lanes will make Express bus service faster; and 2) expressed support for charging more for Express Route 185.

Rob Rennie, Town of Los Gatos Vice Mayor, suggested implementing the service in phases.

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) using the shoulder for buses, which has been blocked by the California Highway Patrol's union; 2) comparison to Caltrain service; 3) ridership expectations; and 4) provided route and stop suggestions.

Member Miller suggested staff look into free rides for a short period of time as part of the launch of Express Route 185.

Several members of the Committee had questions about the stop locations for Express Route 185 and whether they were appropriate.

On order of Chairperson Sinks, and there being no objection, the Committee received a status report on VTA's forthcoming Express 185 service.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Announcements.

9. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Sinks and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thalia Young, Board Assistant
VTA Office of the Board Secretary