

STATE ROUTE 85 CORRIDOR POLICY ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, December 14, 2015

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board (SR 85) was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Vice Chairperson McAlister in the Auditorium, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), 3331 North First Street, San José, California. Chairperson Sinks attended the meeting via teleconference/Skype from Hamburg, Germany.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Glenn Hendricks	Member	Present
Tara Martin-Milius	Alternate Member	Present
Walter Huff	Member	Absent
Burton Craig	Alternate Member	Absent
Marcia Jensen	Member	Present
Rob Rennie	Alternate Member	N/A
John McAlister	Member	Present
Lenny Siegel	Alternate Member	N/A
Howard Miller	Member	Present
Mary-Lynne Bernald	Alternate Member	N/A
Paul Resnikoff	Member	Present
Liz Gibbons	Alternate Member	N/A
Megan Satterlee	Member	Absent
Jeannie Bruins	Alternate Member	Present
Rod Sinks	Member	Present
Barry Chang	Alternate Member	N/A
Chappie Jones	Member	Present
<i>Vacant, San José</i>	<i>Alternate Member</i>	N/A
<i>Vacant, County</i>	<i>Member</i>	N/A
<i>Vacant, County</i>	<i>Alternate Member</i>	N/A
Bijan Sartipi	Ex-Officio, Caltrans	Absent
Dan McElhinney	Alt. Ex-Officio, Caltrans	Absent

A quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Roland Lebrun, Interested Citizen, made the following comments: 1) Highway 237 has the same congestion problem as State Route 85 (SR 85); and 2) suggested extending the

scope of the State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board (SR 85 Corridor PAB) to include Highway 237 or establishing another PAB to focus on Highway 237.

3. **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Vice Chairperson McAlister noted that Chairperson Sinks was joining via Skype and a roll call vote will be conducted on all action items.

Vice Chairperson McAlister requested that **Agenda Item #7**, Summary of the SR 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board's Objectives, Study Area, and Schedule, be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.

M/S/C (Bruins/Miller) on a vote of 7 ayes and 0 noes and 0 abstentions and 0 recusals to accept the Orders of the Day.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. **Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2015**

Member Hendricks asked for clarification on the objectives excluding policy.

M/S/C (Bruins/Miller) on a vote of 7 ayes and 0 noes and 0 abstentions and 0 recusals to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2015.

5. **Summary of Ongoing VTA and Regional projects and Studies**

On order of Vice Chairperson McAlister and there being no objection, the Committee received a summary of ongoing VTA and other regional projects and studies affecting Santa Clara County.

6. **Long-Range Plan Projects in the West Valley/North County Area**

On order of Vice Chairperson McAlister and there being no objection, the Committee received a list of Envision Silicon Valley projects in the West Valley/North County area.

7. **(Removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.)**

Summary of the SR 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board's Objectives, Study Area, and Schedule.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. **Summary of the SR 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board's Objectives, Study Area, and Schedule**

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) reducing transit time; 2) formulating solutions through policy not projects; and 3) creating a policy that VTA staff can use to solve the problems on SR 85.

Member Jones took his seat at 10:19 a.m.

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

M/S/C Miller/Jensen on a vote of 8 ayes and 0 noes and 0 abstentions and 0 recusals to make the following changes: 1) add a statement about policy leading to the objectives to the Objectives preamble on the memo; 2) expand transportation alternatives to reduce travel time, 3) include a statement to the end of the Objectives section of the memo that the SR 85 Corridor PAB will recommend policies to support the objectives, and 4) have staff bring the item back to the SR 85 Corridor PAB as an action item to ratify the changes.

Public Comment

Mr. Lebrun commented on the following: 1) suggested adding freeways to the study area map; 2) a solution is needed to have Gilroy access SR 85 via rail and use rail up SR 85; and 3) encouraged Chairperson Sinks to ride light train while in Germany noting it is the future of transit in Silicon Valley.

On order of Vice Chairperson McAlister and there being no objection, the Committee confirmed the State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board's Objectives, Study Area, and Schedule.

8. Discuss Potential Transportation Options

Members of the Committee brainstormed transportation options with Eileen Goodwin, Apex Strategies.

Public Comment

Ruth Callahan, Interested Citizen, expressed concern about: 1) neighborhood traffic; 2) lane width; and 3) air pollution.

Mr. Lebrun commented that more than two lanes are needed to reduce congestion on SR 85 with the possibility of adding light rail or light train in the center divide.

Rishi Kumar, Interested Citizen, commented on the following; 1) air pollution; 2) a transportation model with real solutions; and 3) VTA providing transit options and project criteria.

Vice Chairperson McAlister noted that committee members can direct questions regarding the agenda packet to John Ristow, Director of Planning & Program Development, before the meeting.

Members of the Committee would like to see VTA's data on who is riding which transit mode and how they are getting there, the agreements between some cities along the State Route 85 Corridor and VTA, and the lawsuit against VTA.

On order of Vice Chairperson McAlister and there being no objection, the Committee conducted a brainstorming session to identify a list of potential transportation options for the study area.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chairperson McAlister wished everyone a happy holidays.

10. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Vice Chairperson McAlister and there being no objection, the Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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VTA Office of the Board Secretary