

CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 21, 2014

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Congestion Management Program & Planning Committee (CMPP) was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Chairperson Pirzynski in VTA Conference Room B-104, 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Rose Herrera	Vice Chairperson	Present
Joe Pirzynski	Chairperson	Present
David Whittum	Member	Absent
Ken Yeager	Member	Absent
Dave Cortese	Alternate Member	Absent
Jamie Matthews	Alternate Member	Absent
Jason Baker	Alternate Member	N/A

* Alternates do not serve unless participating as a Member.

A quorum was not present and a Committee of the Whole was declared.

2. ORDERS OF THE DAY

Chairperson Pirzynski requested **Agenda Item #9**, SR 237 Express Lanes Fiscal Year 2014 Update, be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.

On order of Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole accepted the Orders of the Day.

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Roland Lebrun, Interested Citizen, made the following comments: 1) suggested that VTA evaluate new technology to update the passenger counting system on the light rail fleet; 2) commended staff presentation on the potential ballot measure at the August 15, 2014, Board of Directors' Special Meeting; and 3) suggested enhancing TransLoc mobile application to include information on the number of passengers currently on board.

The Committee of the Whole and staff engaged in a brief discussion on passenger counts and effective use of technology at VTA.

Chairperson Pirzynski also commended staff presentation on the potential ballot measure at the August 15, 2014, Board of Directors' Special Meeting.

The Agenda was taken out of order.

REGULAR AGENDA

9. SR 237 Express Lanes Fiscal Year 2014 Update

Murali Ramanujam, Transportation Engineering Manager, provided a brief staff report, noting: 1) SR 237 Express Lanes travel time performance in the eastbound direction compared to the westbound direction; 2) future need for capital project to address congestion downstream of the facility; and 3) ongoing discussions with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) concerning the potential to prioritize the southern segment of the I-880 Express Lanes project as that plan moves forward.

Nuria I. Fernandez, General Manager, requested that staff put together a fact sheet with speaking points to be shared with the VTA Board of Directors, highlighting staff recommendations.

The Committee of the Whole and staff engaged in a brief discussion regarding the City of Milpitas' concerns regarding the 237 Express Lanes. Mr. Ramanujam responded that staff is working with Caltrans in finalizing a traffic operations analysis report and will share findings with City of Milpitas staff once the report is finalized.

On order of Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received a performance update on SR 237 Express Lanes for Fiscal Year 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Regular Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2014

On order of Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole deferred the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2014.

5. CMP Quarterly Report for April-June 2014

On order of Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received the CMP Quarterly Report for April-June 2014.

6. Bay Area Bike Share

On order of Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received an update on the Bay Area Bike Share Pilot Program.

7. Pedestrian Access to Transit Plan

On order of Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received the existing Conditions Report for the Pedestrian Access to Transit Plan.

8. Cap and Trade Funds for Transportation

On order of Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received a report on Cap and Trade Funds for Transportation.

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

Receive performance update on SR 237 Express Lanes for Fiscal Year 2014.

10. **VTP Highway Program Semi-Annual Report**

On order of Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received the VTP Highway Program Semi-Annual Report Ending April 30, 2014.

REGULAR AGENDA (continued)

11. **State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

John Ristow, Planning & Program Development Director and Staff Liaison, provided a brief background and overview of the staff recommendations, noting both the Cities of Palo Alto and San Jose concur with the funding changes.

On order of Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole approved submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) program amendments that exchange funds between two Palo Alto and San Jose projects.

12. **2014 Short Range Transit Plan**

Lilia Scott, Sr. Transportation Planner, provided a brief overview and presentation, highlighting: 1) new Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) requirements; 2) VTA process; 3) Operating Plan, noting significant service changes and key issues; 4) Capital Improvement Program, noting Core Program and key issues; and 5) 2000 Measure A Projects.

On order of Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole approved submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to adopt the 2014 Short Range Transit Plan.

13. **Opportunities to Enhance the Relationship of Land Use and Transportation**

Vice Chairperson Herrera arrived at the meeting and took her seat at 10:28 a.m.

Robert Swierk, Sr. Transportation Planner, provided a brief background and overview of the presentation, highlighting: 1) VTA and local agency roles, noting VTA's varying degrees of influence; 2) VTA programs and initiatives and their relationship to the development process; and 3) staff ideas to enhance VTA's involvement in land use and development to improve effectiveness.

Jim Lawson, Executive Policy Advisor and Director of Public Affairs and VTA Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Staff Liaison, provided a brief report regarding comments on this item from the August 14, 2014, PAC meeting.

Chairperson Pirzynski suggested that staff assess Member Agencies on their viewpoints and openness in including VTA as partners in the process.

Vice Chairperson Herrera made the following comments: 1) identify priority areas near transit for Complete Streets improvements; 2) place emphasis on engaging companies and developers early in the planning process; 3) suggested that VTA can position itself as a “consultant” or resource to businesses and developers; 4) engage SPUR to integrate their recommendations; and 5) encouraged staff to present the report to key local policy decision makers or at local agency meetings, such as the San Jose Community and Economic Development Committee.

Ms. Fernandez noted that VTA is working closely with SPUR and they are scheduled to present to the Committee at its next meeting on September 18, 2014.

The Committee of the Whole and staff engaged in a discussion regarding presenting the ideas/suggestions to Member Agencies and groups outside of VTA Committees. Vice Chairperson Herrera noted the following: 1) cities can look at best practices; and 2) highlighted the importance of engaging the cities and gathering their feedback.

Chairperson Pirzynski noted the following: 1) suggested exploring a methodology that focuses on integrating VTA, as the Congestion Management Agency for Santa Clara County, in the land use development process; and 2) suggested that staff engage private developers.

The Committee of the Whole commended staff on a valuable presentation and expressed desire for a continued discussion on this topic.

Public Comment

Mr. Lebrun noted an example from London, England and suggested that staff reach out to private developers early in the development/planning process.

On order of Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received and discussed a report on Opportunities to Enhance the Relationship of Land Use and Transportation.

OTHER ITEMS

14. Items of Concern and Referral to Administration

Chairperson Pirzynski expressed concern on freeway trash and graffiti on railroad bridges throughout Santa Clara County and suggested that the issue be raised with Caltrans.

15. Committee Work Plan

The Committee of the Whole and staff reviewed the work plan and acknowledged additional items will be added based on discussions at this meeting.

On order of Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole reviewed the Work Plan.

16. Committee Staff Report

Mr. Ristow provided a written report to the Committee containing information on Local Events; MTC/ABAG, State and Federal; and VTA CMA.

Mr. Ristow added that the new 30-foot hybrid VTA Community Bus is available for viewing on August 21, 2014.

On order of Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received the Committee Staff Report.

17. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Pirzynski commended all who participated at the August 20, 2014, California Transportation Commission event on the approval of the final allocation of funds to VTA's BART Extension to Silicon Valley.

18. Determine Consent Agenda for the August 28, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting

CONSENT:

Agenda Item #5. Receive the Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for April-June 2014.

Agenda Item #6. Receive an update on the Bay Area Bike Share Pilot Program.

Agenda Item #7. Receive Existing Conditions Report for the Pedestrian Access to Transit Plan.

Agenda Item #8. Receive a report on Cap and Trade Funds for Transportation.

Agenda Item #9. Receive performance update on SR 237 Express Lanes for Fiscal Year 2014.

Agenda Item #10. Receive the VTP Highway Program Semi-Annual Report Ending April 30, 2014.

Agenda Item #11. Approve State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) program amendments that exchange funds between two Palo Alto and San Jose projects.

Agenda Item #13. Receive and discuss a report on Opportunities to Enhance the Relationship of Land Use and Transportation.

REGULAR:

Agenda Item #12. Adopt the 2014 Short Range Transit Plan.

19. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Announcements.

20. **ADJOURNMENT**

On order of Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Oblena, Board Assistant
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