



**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
and  
2000 MEASURE A CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Chairperson Hadaya, in Conference Room B-104, VTA River Oaks Campus, 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

**1. ROLL CALL**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
Stephen Blaylock	Member	Absent
Clinton Brownley	Member	Present
Bena Chang	Member	Excused
Chris Elias	Member	Present
Sharon Fredlund	Member	Absent
William Hadaya	Chairperson	Present
Ray Hashimoto	Member	Present
Roberta Hughan	Member	Present
Aaron Morrow	Member	Present
Charlotte Powers	Member	Present
Connie Rogers	Member	Present
Stephen Schmoll	Member	Present
Martin Schulter	Member	Present
Noel Tebo	Member	Present
Herman Wadler	Vice Chairperson	Present

**A quorum was present.**

Member Morrow took his seat at 4:08 p.m.

Members Schulter and Elias took their seats at 4:13 p.m.

Chairperson Hadaya welcomed new Member Stephen Schmoll, representing Senior Citizens.

**2. ORDERS OF THE DAY**

There were no Orders of the Day.

**3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

There were no Public Presentations.

**4. Committee Staff Report**

Scott Haywood, Policy and Community Relations Manager, provided a report highlighting: 1) VTA Board of Directors adopted Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2040 and the Updated Transportation Impact Analysis (TIA) Guidelines at the October 2, 2014 Board meeting; and 2) VTA Public Forum on Envisioning Silicon Valley, to discuss a potential ballot and identify future transportation funding priorities.

**Public Comment**

Omar Chatty, Interested Citizen, requested notification of public meetings for Envisioning Silicon Valley.

**5. Chairperson's Report**

Member Tebo reported the Membership Subcommittee had membership changes and the proposal will be presented to the Committee in the near future.

**6. Committee for Transit Accessibility (CTA) Report**

Member Morrow reported on his request to have CTA involved in the Envisioning Silicon Valley (ESV) 2016 Potential Ballot Measure process. He noted CTA members are not always able to get to public meetings and requested a VTA ESV staff member attend CTA meetings to continue a dialogue regarding support to individuals needing alternative transportation outside of VTA Paratransit.

**7. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Report**

There was no Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Report.

**COMBINED CAC AND 2000 MEASURE A CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE CONSENT AGENDAS**

Members of the Committee requested that **Agenda Item #11.**, Legislative Update Matrix, be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.

**8. Regular Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2014**

M/S/C (Morrow/Tebo) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2014.

**9. Transit Operations Performance Report – FY2014**

M/S/C (Morrow/Tebo) to receive the FY 2014 Annual Transit Operations Performance Report.

**10. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Quarterly Attendance Report**

M/S/C (Morrow/Tebo) to receive the the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Quarterly Attendance Report.

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

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

Review the Legislative Update Matrix.

## **CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA**

11. **Legislative Update Matrix**

Members of the Committee requested clarification on: 1) Assembly Bills (AB) 1721, 2090, 2250, Express Lanes; and 2) Senate Bill (SB) 1368, Park-and-Ride Lots.

Aaron Quigley, Senior Policy Analyst, Government Affairs, responded that: 1) AB 2090 gives VTA tools for enforcement as it relates to the use of switchable tags; 2) AB 1721 authorizes the use of sticker tags for clean air vehicles; 3) AB 2250 protects monies from being used on other parts of the highway system, and requires the funds to be used in the corridor; and 4) SB 1368 allows VTA the authority to transfer park-and-ride lots in the future.

**M/S/C (Powers/Tebo)** to review the Legislative Update Matrix.

## **2000 MEASURE A CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA**

12. **Appoint Ad Hoc Subcommittee for CWC Independent Auditor Contract Request For Proposal**

Stephen Flynn, Advisory Committee Coordinator, provided an overview of the staff report.

Members Schuler, Powers and Morrow volunteered to serve on the Ad Hoc Subcommittee for CWC Independent Auditor Contract Request for Proposal Process.

**M/S/C (Schuler/Rogers)** to appoint an ad hoc subcommittee for the Request For Proposal process to select a new independent compliance auditing firm for the 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee. Further, that the Committee take the option of an additional year and use the additional time to formulate a strategy to move forward.

## **CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA (Continued)**

Mr. Haywood introduced Raj Srinath, Chief Financial Officer, who stated he was pleased to be part of the VTA team and looked forward to working with the Committee.

13. **Election Process for 2015 Advisory Committee Leadership: Appoint Nomination Subcommittee**

Stephen Flynn provided an overview of the staff report.

Members Tebo, Hashimoto, and Elias volunteered to serve on the Nomination Subcommittee to identify Committee Members interested in serving as the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson for 2015.

**M/S/C (Morrow/Tebo)** to appoint Members Tebo, Hashimoto and Elias as the nomination subcommittee to identify Committee members interested in serving as the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson for 2015.

**14. SR 85 Express Lanes Project – Implementation Recommendation**

Gene Gonzalo, Engineering Group Manager, provided an overview of the staff report, noting the memo will be split into two separate recommendations: 1) Board Action to recommend an incremental approach to SR 85 Express Lanes to include single lane conversion; and 2) Information Item for Noise Reduction Program to be implemented concurrent to the Express Lanes Project.

Members of the Committee made the following comments: 1) clarification that transponders will not be needed for the carpool lane; 2) expressed concern regarding implementation of a second express lane; 3) noise reduction study program strategies; and 4) project timeline.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Chatty provided the following comments: 1) encouraged the Committee to read AB 2090, bullet two, which discusses the Level of Service (LOS) change; 2) expressed support for adding a fourth lane for capacity; 3) expressed opposition to toll lanes; and 4) encouraged VTA to research noise reduction pavement.

**M/S/C (Powers/Morrow)** to recommend that the Board of Directors approve implementation of express lanes on SR 85 as a single-lane conversion and the allocation of \$285,000 to conduct a noise reduction study to address noise concerns on SR 85.

**15. SR 152 Trade Corridor Project**

Marcella Rensi, Transportation Planning Manager, provided an overview of the staff report.

Members of the Committee made the following comments: 1) noted the urgent need for this dangerous and heavily traveled road; 2) expressed concern about making it a toll road; and 3) suggested conducting a traffic study to determine who would actually use a toll road.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Chatty provided the following comments: 1) expressed opposition to toll roads; 2) suggested building a conventional highway in phases; 3) expressed concern about the deaths on SR 152; 4) Southern California toll roads lost money; and 5) commended VTA for their environmental care and caution for animals on the U.S. 101/SR 129.

**M/S/C (Powers/Wadler)** to recommend that the Board of Directors program \$10 million in State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds from Santa Clara County's Regional Improvement Program (RIP) County Share for the State Route 152 Trade Corridor project, and authorize the General Manager to execute required agreements with the CTC and/or Caltrans.

**16. Lawrence Expressway Grade Separation Recommended Concept**

Dawn Cameron, Santa Clara County Roads & Airports Department Manager, provided a brief overview of the staff report and a presentation entitled, "Lawrence Expressway Grade Separation Concept Study," highlighting: 1) Project Overview; 2) Lawrence Expressway Level of Service (LOS); 3) Rank of LOS F Intersections by Delay; 4) Existing Challenges; 5) Project Process; 6) Public Meetings; 7) Proposed Concept; 8) Bicycle/Pedestrian Corridor; 9) Caltrain Access; 10); Renderings; 11) Benefits of Proposed Concept; 12) Construction and Implementation; and 13) Next Steps.

Member Morrow left the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) queried if water tables had been considered; 2) environmental assessment process; and 3) downstream impacts.

**On order of Chairperson Hadaya** and there being no objection, the Committee received the report from County of Santa Clara Roads and Airports staff on the Lawrence Expressway Grade Separation Concept Study.

**COMBINED CAC AND CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE ITEMS**

**17. Citizens Advisory Committee and Citizens Watchdog Committee Work Plans**

**On order of Chairperson Hadaya** and there being no objection, the Committee received the Citizens Advisory Committee and Citizens Watchdog Committee Work Plans.

**OTHER**

**18. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Announcements.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

**On order of Chairperson Hadaya** and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita McGraw, Board Assistant  
VTA Office of the Board Secretary