

CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 16, 2014

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Congestion Management Program & Planning Committee (CMPP) was called to order at 10:01 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	Absent
Joe Pirzynski	Chairperson	Present
David Whittum	Member	Present
Ken Yeager	Member	Present
Dave Cortese	Alternate Member	N/A
Jamie Matthews	Alternate Member	N/A
Jason Baker	Alternate Member	N/A

* Alternates do not serve unless participating as a Member.

A quorum was present.

2. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Orders of the Day.

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Roland Lebrun, Interested Citizen, made the following comments: 1) discussed corporate culture; 2) suggested VTA install internal safety cameras on light rail to provide live video feed to drivers; and 3) encouraged installation of bicycle signage.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Regular Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2014

M/S/C (Whittum/Yeager) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2014.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Implementation of Express Lanes on SR 85

Chairperson Pirzynski noted a slight change in the wording of the recommendation to read: Support implementation of express lanes on SR 85 as a single-lane conversion.

Gene Gonzalo, Engineering Group Manager, provided the staff report noting: 1) the recommendation is for the VTA Board of Directors to support an incremental approach to implementation of express lanes on SR 85 to include single-lane conversions; and 2) implementation of the second express lane will not be considered until VTA and Caltrans staff confer with local cities and towns.

Member Whittum queried how this item is connected to Agenda Item #6., Noise Reduction Study on SR 85.

Staff noted based on results of the pilot projects, the generated revenue from SR 85 express lanes may be used to implement a noise abatement program.

M/S/C (Yeager/Whittum) to support implementation of express lanes on SR 85 as a single-lane conversion.

6. Noise Reduction Study on SR 85

Mr. Gonzalo provided the staff report highlighting that VTA is proposing to look into alternatives and strategies to address the existing noise concerns through a multi-step noise reduction program which will include: 1) a noise reduction study report; 2) implementation of noise reduction treatments identified in the noise reduction study; and 3) implementation of the corridor wide project with revenue generated from the express lanes.

Chairperson Pirzynski queried about the justification for the noise reduction study expenditure. Staff noted that as the Congestion Management Agency, VTA is responsible for the noise abatement program along state highways since SB45 took effect in 1997.

Chairperson Pirzynski noted the noise impacts are not a cause of SR 85 intended improvements. The noise impacts currently exist and VTA's response is a voluntary attempt to attend to those concerns. Staff indicated any mitigation post the noise reduction study is dependent upon the Express Lanes Project going forward.

Member Whittum queried about eligible funding for noise abatement work.

On order of Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the Committee received a report on Noise Reduction Study for SR 85.

7. **SR 152 Trade Corridor Project**

Marcella Rensi, Transportation Planning Manager, provided the staff report.

Mr. Ristow stated an installation of a new corridor is estimated to cost \$1 to 1.5 billion, and the project spans both Santa Clara and San Benito Counties. One alternative for funding is a toll road.

Member Whittum expressed a desire to see other project beneficiaries, such as San Benito County, contributing financially to this project.

Public Comment

Mr. Lebrun encouraged VTA to consider engaging the High Speed Rail Authority.

Mr. Ristow noted VTA has engaged High Speed Rail and stated their preliminary alignment falls within a portion of VTA's corridor, and it is possible this right of way could be shared.

M/S/C (Yeager/Pirzynski) to 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 for this project.

8. **Third-party Agreements of Voluntary Contributions to Transportation Improvements**

Lorena Bernal-Vidal, Transportation Planner II, provided the staff report noting VTA is seeking the Committee's recommendation to authorize the General Manager to enter into funding agreements with the Cities of Sunnyvale and Cupertino for their voluntary contributions to help fund defined transportation improvements.

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) options for VTA to be more aggressive in the voluntary contribution program; and 2) suggested a county wide study of Transportation Impact Fees (TIF) to provide a menu of metrics and best practices.

Public Comment

Mr. Lebrun made the following comments: 1) starting the conversation of bringing BART to Cupertino; and 2) encouraged financing through community supported private sector infrastructure.

M/S/C (Yeager/Whittum) to authorize the General Manager to negotiate and enter into cooperative funding agreements with the City of Cupertino in the amount of \$1,292,215 and the City of Sunnyvale in the amount of \$1,162,042 for their voluntary contributions to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to help fund mutually defined transportation improvements.

9. **Draft 2014 Transportation Systems Monitoring Report**

Eugene Maeda, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a Power Point presentation entitled “Draft 2014 Transportation Systems Monitoring Program (TSMP) Report,” highlighting: 1) TSMP Background; 2) Selected Performance Indicators; 3) Pavement; 4) Freeway Litter, Landscaping and Graffiti Maintenance; 5) Roadway Safety – Accident Collisions (New); 6) Accident Collisions; 7) Mode Share; 8) Bikeways – Completed Projects (New); and 9) Bikeways – 2008 Countywide Bicycle Plan.

On order of Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the Committee received the Draft 2014 Transportation Systems Monitoring Program Report.

OTHER ITEMS

10. **Items of Concern and Referral to Administration**

Member Whittum requested that staff provide more information on outside partner funding options for the SR 152 Trade Corridor Project.

The Committee asked for more information on all of the Local Traffic Impact Fees (TIF); and requested options for VTA to be more proactive in the Voluntary Contributions to Transportation Improvements.

Member Whittum requested that staff provide the “Distracted Driver” data.

Chairperson Pirzynski requested a follow-up on county comparison of the litter disparity between Santa Clara County and neighboring counties.

11. **Committee Work Plan**

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

12. **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.

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

13. **Chairperson’s Report**

There was no Chairperson’s report.

14. Determine Consent Agenda for the November 6, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting

CONSENT:

Agenda Item #5. Support implementation of express lanes on SR 85 as a single-lane conversion.

Agenda Item #6. Receive report on Noise Reduction Study for SR 85.

Agenda Item #7. 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 for this project.

Agenda Item #8. Authorize the General Manager to negotiate and enter into cooperative funding agreements with the City of Cupertino in the amount of \$1,292,215 and the City of Sunnyvale in the amount of \$1,162,042 for their voluntary contributions to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to help fund mutually defined transportation improvements.

Agenda Item #9. Receive the Draft 2014 Transportation Systems Monitoring Program Report.

REGULAR:

None.

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Yeager announced he will be attending the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) annual meeting and will not be able to attend the November 20, 2014, Committee meeting.

19. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Pirzynski and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita McGraw, Board Assistant
VTA Office of the Board Secretary