

STATE ROUTE 85 CORRIDOR POLICY ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board (SR 85) was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairperson McAlister in Mountain View City Hall, Council Chambers, 500 Castro Street, 2nd Floor, Mountain View, CA 94041.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Representing	Status
Mary-Lynne Bernald	Alternate Member	City of Saratoga	n/a
Jeannie Bruins	Member	City of Los Altos	Absent
Barry Chang	Alternate Member	City of Cupertino	n/a
Burton Craig	Alternate Member	City of Monte Sereno	n/a
Sergio Jimenez	Member	City of San José	Absent
Larry Klein	Member	City of Sunnyvale	Present
Lynette Lee Eng	Alternate Member	City of Los Altos	Absent
John McAlister	Chairperson	City of Mountain View	Present
Russ Melton	Alternate Member	City of Sunnyvale	n/a
Howard Miller	Vice Chairperson	City of Saratoga	Present
Rob Rennie	Member	City of Los Gatos	Present
Paul Resnikoff	Alternate Member	City of Campbell	n/a
Marico Sayoc	Alternate Member	City of Los Gatos	n/a
Leonard Siegel	Alternate Member	City of Mountain View	n/a
Rod Sinks	Member	City of Cupertino	Present
Rowena Turner	Member	City of Monte Sereno	Present
Rich Waterman	Member	City of Campbell	Present
<i>Vacant</i>	Alternate Member	City of San José	n/a
<i>Vacant</i>	Member	County of Santa Clara	n/a
<i>Vacant</i>	Alternate Member	County of Santa Clara	n/a
Bijan Sartipi	Ex-Officio Member	Caltrans	Absent
Dan McElhinney	Alt. Ex-Officio Member	Caltrans	Present

A quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Meir Levi, Interested Citizen, commented on highway noise and requested an update at a future meeting.

3. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Orders of the Day.

4. Committee Staff Report

Jim Unites, Deputy Director of Transit Planning & Capital Development, provided a brief report, highlighting the updated 2016 Measure B State Route (SR) 85 Program Area Guidelines as approved by the VTA Board of Directors (Board) on November 7, 2017.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Regular Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2017

M/S/C (Klein/Sinks) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2017.

Public Comment

Steven Levin, Interested Citizen, made the following comments referring to **Agenda Item #7: State Route 85 Transit Guideway Study Community Engagement Plan** and requested that future meeting minutes provide more detailed information about what was said.

Member Sinks agreed that more detail should be provided in meeting minutes regarding public comment as well as Committee discussion.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] – Agenda Item #5
MOVER:	Larry Klein, Member
SECONDER:	Rod Sinks, Member
AYES:	Klein, McAlister, Miller, Rennie, Sinks, Turner, Waterman
ABSENT:	Bruins, Jimenez

REGULAR AGENDA

6. State Route (SR) 85 Outreach Efforts

David Lovato, Public Communication Specialist, provided a summary on community outreach efforts.

Discussion ensued on the following: 1) trends by community; 2) community feedback and concerns; and 3) conducting a second survey.

On order of Chairperson McAlister and there being no objection, the Committee received a presentation on Community Outreach to date.

7. State Route (SR) 85 Transit Travel Market Analysis

Adam Burger, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a presentation entitled, “State Route 85 (SR 85) Transit Guideway Study: Travel Market Analysis.”

Public Comment

Doug Muirhead, Interested Citizen, made the following comments: 1) expressed concern about taking service from other routes; and 2) using the longer commute time on transit productively.

Roland Lebrun, Interested Citizen, commented on the following: 1) buses are faster than light rail; 2) tram trains in Europe; and 3) expressed concern that the meeting is not being video recorded and broadcast.

Cheriel Jensen, Interested Citizen, expressed support for transit along the SR 85 corridor.

Alternate Ex-Officio Member McElhinney took his seat at 2:33 p.m.

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) peak periods of transit travel; 2) reversible lanes along SR 85; 3) interim options while a permanent solution is built; 4) carpool lane speed; 5) farebox recovery; 6) autonomous vehicles; and 7) context of where transit is working well.

Members of the Committee made the following requests: 1) look at how other areas on the West Coast have made light rail work; 2) distribute at each meeting a placemat showing project process timeline; and 3) comparison of maintenance costs between buses and rail vehicles.

On order of Chairperson McAlister and there being no objection, the Committee received a presentation on State Route (SR) 85 Transit Travel Market.

8. State Route (SR) 85 Right-of-Way Analysis

Mr. Burger provided a presentation entitled, “SR 85 Transit Guideway Study: Light Rail/Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Constraints Analysis.”

Public Comment

Mr. Lebrun expressed support for a transit lane and offered the following suggestions: 1) utilize matching funds to build the project; and 2) create a transit lane with bus convoys.

Ms. Jensen advocated for using the air space above SR 85 for transit.

Mr. Levi made the following comments: 1) light rail vehicle life span versus bus life span; and 2) light rail serves the community and provides housing solutions through multi-family housing.

Members of the Committee commented on the following: 1) finding creative solutions; 2) terminus in the North; 3) Senate Bill 1 funding; and 4) station spacing and location.

Members of the Committee made the following requests: 1) a memo from Jarrett Walker describing why transit in the City of Portland works well; and 2) the number of people who travel on SR 85.

On order of Chairperson McAlister and there being no objection, the Committee received a presentation on SR 85 Right-of-Way Constraints.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Sinks made the following announcements: 1) the cities which blocked the express lanes have settled with VTA and Caltrans; and 2) recording meetings held in Cupertino. Mr. Sinks will work with the City of Cupertino Staff to provide video recordings for meetings held in their Chambers.

10. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson McAlister and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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