

Congestion Management Program & Planning Committee

Thursday, January 23, 2020

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Congestion Management Program & Planning Committee (CMPP) was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairperson Rennie in Conference Room B-106, 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Dev Davis	Alternate Member	N/A
Adrian Fine	Alternate Member	N/A
Lan Diep	Member	Present
John McAlister	Member	Present
Howard Miller	Alternate Member	N/A
Raul Peralez	Member	Present
Rob Rennie	Chairperson	Present

A quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment

3. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Orders of the Day.

4. Committee 2020 Vice Chairperson Election

Chairperson Rennie opened the floor for nominations.

M/S/C (**Peralez/Rennie**) to close the nominations and elect Member McAlister as the Committee's Vice Chairperson for calendar year 2020.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] – Agenda Item #4
MOVER:	Raul Peralez, Member
SECONDER:	Rob Rennie, Chairperson
AYES:	McAlister, Peralez, Rennie
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Lan Diep

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

CONSENT AGENDA

5. **Regular Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2019**

M/S/C (Peralez/McAlister) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2019.

6. **2020 Congestion Management Program and Planning (CMPP) Committee Meeting Schedule**

M/S/C (Peralez/McAlister) to approve the 2020 Congestion Management Program and Planning (CMPP) Committee Meeting Schedule.

7. **Programmed Project Monitoring – Quarterly Report**

M/S/C (Peralez/McAlister) to receive the Programmed Project Monitoring – Quarterly Report for October – December 2019.

8. **2019 Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) Project Status Report**

M/S/C (Peralez/McAlister) to receive the 2019 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Project Status Report.

9. **FY 2019 Transportation Systems Monitoring Program (TSMP) Report**

M/S/C (Peralez/McAlister) to receive the FY 2019 Transportation Systems Monitoring Report.

10. **Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Annual Report**

M/S/C (Peralez/McAlister) to review the status of ongoing Santa Clara County Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) activity.

RESULT:	APPROVED – Consent Agenda Items #5-10
MOVER:	Raul Peralez, Member
SECONDER:	John McAlister, Vice Chairperson
AYES:	McAlister, Peralez, Rennie
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Diep

REGULAR AGENDA

11. **Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Countywide Program Cycle 3**

Amin Surani, Principal Transportation Planner, and Marcella Rensi, Deputy Director of Grants and Fund Allocations, provided an overview of the staff report.

Members of the Committee and staff discussed the following: 1) US 101/SR85 Express Lanes Phase 4 Project scope; 2) Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Technologies;

3) Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Guidelines; 4) Matching Funds; 5) VRF Local Road Improvement and Repair Program Agency Allocation; 6) VRF Countywide Program Projects – Cycle 2 Project Status Allocation, and; 7) program criteria.

Member McAlister requested staff follow up with additional information on the SR85 Express Lane project.

Member Diep arrived and took his seat at 10:17 a.m.

Public Comment

Roland Lebrun, Interested Citizen, commented adding an express lane on Highway 85 would add more congestion. He suggested addressing congestion before adding more traffic. He also commented on Caltrans planning.

M/S/C (Peralez/Diep) to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors program a total of \$9.7 million in Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Countywide Program funds to projects. Further, that staff will provide to the Board the following: 1) additional clarification that the 15% does not necessarily have to be allocated three ways, but that the Board can decide how to allocate the funds, and; 2) add the process criteria that the Board adopted to administer the program.

RESULT:	APPROVED as amended – Regular Agenda Item #11
MOVER:	Raul Peralez, Member
SECONDER:	Lan Diep, Member
AYES:	Diep, McAlister, Peralez, Rennie
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

12. Eastridge to BART Regional Connector – Second Addendum to Second Supplemental Environmental Impact Report

Christina Jaworski, Senior Environmental Planner provided the staff report.

Members of the Committee and staff engaged in a discussion on the following: 1) design change costs and project contingency fund, and; 2) in-lieu fees for tree placement and the need for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to keep the trees in the same district they came from.

Public Comment

Mr. Lebrun commented that it would it have been useful to have a power point presentation.

M/S/C (Peralez/Diep) on a vote of 3 ayes to 1 no to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors approve the changes to the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector: Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project: Further, VTA will include conditions for in-lieu fee payment for tree replacements. Member McAlister opposed.

1. Adopt the Second Addendum to the Final Second Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR-2) (Attachment A) acknowledging that the Addendum:
 - a. Meets the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);
 - b. Represents the independent judgment of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) as the Lead Agency; and

- c. Was presented to the VTA Board of Directors for review and consideration.
- 2. Amend the Project as described in the Final SEIR-2.

RESULT:	APPROVED, as amended – Regular Agenda Item #12
MOVER:	Raul Peralez, Member
SECONDER:	Lan Diep, Member
AYES:	Diep, Peralez, Rennie
NOES:	McAlister
ABSENT:	None

13. Express Bus Partnership Program Service Plan

Janice Soriano, Senior Transportation Planner, and Jay Tyree, Service Planning Manager, provided a brief presentation.

Members of the Committee and staff discussed the following: 1) importance of public outreach; 2) VTA marketing; 3) farebox recovery; 4) vanpool cost; 5) express bus funding partnerships; 6) Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) reduction; and 7) congestion management.

Members of the Committee encouraged staff to establish performance measures and requested staff provide regular updates. Further, they asked staff to continue monitoring dollars spent per rider while considering ways to incorporate the congestion perspective in planning metrics.

Public Comment

Mr. Lebrun commented on the following: 1) frequency of Bus Route 168; 2) new version of Google Maps for transit, and; 3) Bus Route 122.

Members of the Committee offered the following comments: 1) expressed support for the vanpool program; 2) find creative ways of using innovative technology to bring people out of single occupancy vehicles; 3) consider the express bus from Fremont to North Bayshore, and; 4) expressed support for dedicated express bus lanes on SR85 and U.S. Highway 101.

Member Diep left the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

M/S/C (Peralez/Rennie) to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors adopt a new Express Bus Partnership Program and a new pilot Vanpool Subsidy Program for implementation in April 2020.

RESULT:	APPROVED – Regular Agenda Item #13
MOVER:	Raul Peralez, Member
SECONDER:	Rob Rennie, Chairperson
AYES:	McAlister, Peralez, Rennie
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Diep

OTHER ITEMS

14. Items of Concern and Referral to Administration

Member McAlister underscored the importance of funding traffic signal technology programs as congestion reduction solutions.

15. Committee Work Plan

Member McAlister requested feedback from staff on the following: 1) the Committee's role and responsibility in reducing congestion; 2) current congestion reduction projects on major routes, and; 3) funding sources. Staff noted they would provide a presentation.

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

16. Committee Staff Report

Deborah Dagang, Director of Planning & Programming and Staff Liaison noted a copy of the Committee Staff Report was at the Committee Members' places. She highlighted the following: 1) Capital Program – Highways, and; 2) Grants.

17. Chairperson's Report

There was no Chairperson's report.

18. Determine Consent Agenda for the December 5, 2019, Board of Directors Meeting

CONSENT:

Agenda Item #7. Receive the Programmed Projects Quarterly Monitoring Report for October - December 2019.

Agenda Item #8. Review the status of ongoing Santa Clara County Transportation Fund for Clean Air County Program Manager (TFCA CPM) projects.

Agenda Item #9. Receive the Annual FY 2019 Transportation Systems Monitoring Program (TSMP) Report.

Agenda Item #10. Review the status of ongoing Santa Clara County Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) activity.

Agenda Item #12. Recommend that the VTA Board of Directors approve the changes to the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector: Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project:

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2. Amend the Project as described in the Final SEIR-2.

REGULAR:

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19. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Rennie reminded the Committee to attend the Board Workshop on Friday, January 24, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in the VTA River Oaks Auditorium.

20. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Rennie, and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita McGraw, Board Assistant
VTA Office of the Board Secretary