

Safety, Security, and Transit Planning and Operations

Thursday, January 23, 2020

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Safety, Security, and Transit Planning and Operations (SSTPO) Committee was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Chairperson Jones in Conference Room B-106, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), 3331 North First Street, San José, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Dave Cortese	Member	Present
Susan Ellenberg	Alternate Member	N/A
Magdalena Carrasco	Member	Absent
Dev Davis	Alternate Member	Absent
Rich Tran	Member	N/A
Teresa O'Neill	Alternate Member	Present
Chappie Jones	Chairperson	Present

***Alternates do not serve unless participating as a Member.**

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no Public Comment.

Member Cortese arrived and took his seat at 2:06 p.m., and
a quorum was established.

3. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Orders of the Day.

4. Conduct Voting to Determine the Committee's Vice Chairperson for Calendar Year 2020

On order of Chairperson Jones and there being no objection, the election of SSTPO vice chairperson was deferred.

CONSENT AGENDA

Elaine Baltao, Board Secretary, noted the SSTPO meeting schedule for 2020 may change.

5. **Regular Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2019**

M/S/C (O'Neill/Cortese) to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2019.

6. **Regular Meeting Minutes of November 22, 2019**

M/S/C (O'Neill/Cortese) to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of November 22, 2019.

7. **2020 Safety, Security, and Transit Planning and Operations (SSTPO) Committee Meeting Schedule.**

M/S/C (O'Neill/Cortese) to approve 2020 Safety, Security, and Transit Planning and Operations (SSTPO) Committee Meeting Schedule.

RESULT:	APPROVED – Consent Agenda Items # 5-7
MOVER:	O'Neill, Alternate Member
SECONDER:	Cortese, Member
AYES:	Cortese, Jones, O'Neill
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Tran, Member

REGULAR AGENDA

8. **Express Bus Partnership Program and a new Vanpool Subsidy Program**

Janice Soriano, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a brief presentation entitled “Express Bus Partnership Program and a new Vanpool Subsidy Program.”

Public Comment

Roland, Interested Citizen, commented on Routes 168, 181, and electric van pools.

M/S/C (Cortese/O'Neill) 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 – Consent Agenda Items # 8
MOVER:	Cortese, Member
SECONDER:	O'Neill, Member
AYES:	Cortese, Jones, O'Neill
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Tran, Member

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

9. **VTA's Electric Bus Program**

David Hill, Chief Operating Officer, provided a brief presentation of VTA's Electric Bus Program.

A brief discussion ensued regarding electric buses' useful life, costs, operational cost, infrastructure costs, performance, charging infrastructure, and VTA's strategy for meeting the state requirement for zero emission buses.

Public Comment

Roland suggested using the light rail electrical infrastructure to charge buses.

On order of Chairperson Jones and there being no objection, the Committee received the VTA's Electric Bus Program.

10. **VTA's Getting to Zero Emission Busses: Facility & Fleet Plan & Innovative Clean Transit Plan**

Adam Burger, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a brief presentation of VTA's Getting to Zero Emission Busses: Facility & Fleet Plan & Innovative Clean Transit Plan.

A brief discussion ensued regarding operations during power outage, increasing battery capacity, power options and storage, and battery disposal.

Public Comment

Roland commented on hydrogen buses and battery technology.

On order of Chairperson Jones, and there being no objection, the Committee received the VTA's Getting to Zero Emission Busses: Facility & Fleet Plan & Innovative Clean Transit Plan.

OTHER ITEMS

11. **December 2019 Monthly Ridership and Fare Revenue Performance.**

Joonie Tolosa, Manager Operations Analysis, Reporting and Systems, presented the December 2019 Monthly Ridership and Fare Revenue Performance.

Public Comment

Roland noted the following: 1) suggested inviting University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), to do a presentation on ridership trends study; 2) expressed concern on the New Transit Service connection to Caltrain and BART and vice versa; and 3) suggested using Clipper data to monitor efficient transit connection.

On order of Chairperson Jones, and there being no objection, the Committee received the November 2019 Monthly Ridership and Fare Revenue Performance.

12. VTA's Safety and Security Programs

Angelique Gaeta, Chief of System Safety & Security and Staff Liaison, noted the following: 1) staff is working on Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) and plans to submit the PTSAP to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in July 2020; 2) staff is working with the Mineta Transportation Institute to update the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and conduct refresher training to employees.

On order of Chairperson Jones and there being no objection, the Committee received a report on VTA's Safety and Security Programs.

13. Items of Concern and Referral to Administration

There were no items of Concern and Referral to the Administration.

14. Committee Work Plan

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

15. Committee Staff Report

There was no Committee Staff Report.

16. Chairperson's Report

There was no Chairperson's report.

17. Determine Consent Agenda for the February 6, 2020, Board of Directors Meeting

CONSENT:

None.

REGULAR:

Agenda Item #8., 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.

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Jones reminded the Committee members to attend the Board of Directors Workshop meeting scheduled for Friday, January 24, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

19. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Jones and there being no objection, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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VTA Office of the Board Secretary