

Technical Advisory Committee

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 1:33 p.m. by Chairperson Cameron by video and teleconference.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Girum Awoke	Vice Chairperson (Gilroy)	Present
Nichol Bowersox	Member (Los Altos Hills)	Absent
Dawn Cameron	Chairperson (Mountain View)	Present
Todd Capurso	Member (Campbell)	Present
Steve Chan	Alternate Member (Milpitas)	N/A
John Cherbone	Member (Saratoga)	Present
Scott Creer	Member (Morgan Hill)	Absent
Steve Erickson	Member (Milpitas)	Present
Harry Freitas	Alternate Member (Santa Clara County)	N/A
David Gittleson	Alternate Member (Morgan Hill)	Present
Zahir Gulzadah	Member (San Jose)	Present
Gary Heap	Alternate Member (Gilroy)	N/A
Jessica Kahn	Member (Monte Sereno)	Present
Philip Kamhi	Member (Palo Alto)	Present
Helen Kim	Alternate Member (Mountain View)	N/A
Roger Lee	Member (Cupertino)	Present
Michael Liw	Member (Santa Clara)	Present
Matt Morley	Member (Los Gatos)	Present
Barry Ng	Member (Santa Clara County)	Present
Dennis Ng	Member (Sunnyvale)	Present
Macedonio Nunez	Alternate Member (Saratoga)	N/A
Amy Olay	Alternate Member (Campbell)	N/A
Lisa Petersen	Alternate Member (Los Gatos)	N/A
Jim Sandoval	Member (Los Altos)	Present
Carol Shariat	Alternate Member (Santa Clara)	N/A
Sylvia Star-Lack	Alternate Member (Palo Alto)	N/A
David Stillman	Alternate Member (Cupertino)	N/A
Lillian Tsang	Alternate Member (Sunnyvale)	N/A
Jessica Zenk	Alternate Member (San Jose)	N/A

Nick Saleh	Ex-Officio Member	Present
Pilar Lorenzana	Ex-Officio Member	Absent
Therese Trivedi	Alternate Ex-Officio Member	Absent
Ngoc Nguyen	Ex-Officio Member	Absent
Fariba Zohoury	Alternate Ex-Officio Member	Absent
Chris Hakes	Alternate Ex-Officio Member	Absent

A quorum was present.

2. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Orders of the Day.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Blair Beekman, Interested Citizen, commented on the use of 4G and 5G networks and expanding VTA’s COVID-19 efforts.

4. Committee Staff Report

Scott Haywood, Deputy Director, Transit Planning and Capital Development and Staff Liaison, provided a report highlighting: 1) actions the VTA Board of Directors (Board) took at the May 7, 2020 meeting; and 2) VTA’s COVID-19 response.

Franklin Wong, Deputy Director of Finance, Budget & Program Management, provided a report on the financial impacts of COVID-19 to VTA.

Public Comment

Mr. Lebrun, Interested Citizen, expressed safety concerns on the absence of filtration on ventilation units on buses and light rail. He commented on VTA’s expenses.

Mr. Beekman suggested TAC to be open to long-term and short-term discussion on economic packages for next year and provide safe space for discussion.

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

5. Chairperson's Report

There was no Chairperson’s Report.

6. Reports from TAC Working Groups

- **Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**

There was no Capital Improvement Program Report.

- **Systems Operations & Management (SOM)**

Eugene Maeda, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a report on Systems

Operations & Management (SOM), highlighting the following: 1) new staff at Caltrans District 4; 2) additional buffer lanes to protect street workers; 3) efforts to develop touchless pedestrian push buttons; and 4) Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) working group efforts.

On order of Chairperson Cameron, and there being no objection, the Committee received reports from TAC Working Groups.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Regular Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2020

M/S/C (Morley/D. Ng) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2020.

8. 2016 Measure B Castro Street Grade Separation Project Cooperative Agreement

M/S/C (Morley/D. Ng) to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to execute the necessary agreements with the City of Mountain View and the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board to deliver the Castro Street Grade Separation Project.

9. Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report and Sustainability Plan

M/S/C (Morley/D. Ng) to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors receive the Sustainability Program's Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Annual Report and approve Sustainability Plan 2020.

10. Programmed Project Monitoring - Quarterly Report

On order of Chairperson Cameron, and there being no objection, the Committee received the Programmed Projects Quarterly Monitoring Report for January - March 2020.

11. Articulated Vehicle Notice for 2021

On order of Chairperson Cameron, and there being no objection, the Committee received a report indicating where VTA intends to operate articulated vehicles in 2021.

RESULT:	APPROVED – Agenda Items #7-11
MOVER:	D. Ng
SECONDER:	Capurso
AYES:	Awoke, Cameron, Capurso, Cherbone, Erickson, Gittleson, Gulzadah, Kahn, Lee, Liw, Morley, B. Ng D. Ng, Sandoval
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Bowersox, Kamhi

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

REGULAR AGENDA

12. Regional Transportation Plan Project List Submittal

John Sighamony, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a brief presentation on the Regional Transportation Plan Project List Submittal.

Public Comment

Mr. Lebrun provided the following comments: 1) planned BART station at Diridon Station is not connected to any bus, light rail, or Caltrain; 2) Gilroy to Morgan Hill express lanes is long overdue; and 3) the Highway 101/25 interchange project would create more traffic congestion.

Vice Chairperson Awoke thanked VTA staff for putting together the Plan Bay Area (PBA) 2050 Project List and was pleased with the 10th Street project in the City of Gilroy.

Members of the Committee and staff discussed the possibility of Highway 880/101 being included in the Regional Transportation Plan in the future, noting that the project list is updated every four to five years.

M/S/C (Morley/Sandoval) to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors approve Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's Draft Plan Bay Area (PBA) 2050 Fiscally Constrained Project List.

RESULT:	APPROVED – Agenda Item #12
MOVER:	Morley
SECONDER:	Sandoval
AYES:	Awoke, Cameron, Capurso, Cherbone, Erickson, Gittleson, Gulzadah, Kahn, Lee, Liw, Morley, B. Ng D. Ng, Sandoval
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Bowersox, Chan

13. 2016 Measure B Bicycle & Pedestrian Capital Projects Competitive Grant Program of Projects

Nicole He, Transportation Planner II, provided a brief presentation on the 2016 Measure B Bicycle & Pedestrian Capital Projects Competitive Grant Program of Projects.

Members of the Committee and staff discussed the possibility of pursuing other fund resources to advance individual member agency projects, and re-evaluation of priority projects based on readiness and completion timeline.

M/S/C (Morley/Lee) to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors: 1) approve the 10-year priority project list for the 2016 Measure B Bicycle & Pedestrian Capital Projects Competitive Grant Program; and 2) authorize the General Manager to execute the necessary agreements for the 2016 Measure B Bicycle & Pedestrian Capital Projects Competitive Grant Program funds.

RESULT:	APPROVED – Agenda Item #13
MOVER:	Morley
SECONDER:	Lee
AYES:	Awoke, Cameron, Capurso, Cherbone, Erickson, Gittleson, Gulzadah, Kahn, Lee, Liw, Morley, B. Ng D. Ng, Sandoval
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Bowersox, Kamhi

OTHER

14. Update on MTC Activities and Initiatives

There was no update on MTC Activities and Initiatives.

15. Update on Caltrans Activities and Initiatives

Nick Saleh, Ex-Officio, Caltrans, provided a brief report, highlighting: 1) Construction Oversight would facilitate extending limits to advance the project; 2) California Transportation Commission (CTC) will adopt Senate Bill (SB) 1 – Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (2020 Adopted SB 1 Competitive Programs Guidelines); 2) Caltrans is working with VTA on submitting an application for SB 1 project nominations.

On order of Chairperson Cameron, and there being no objection, the Committee received an update on Caltrans Activities and Initiatives.

16. Update on SCVWD Activities and Initiatives

There was no update on SCVWD Activities and Initiatives.

17. TAC Committee Work Plan

Chairperson Cameron noted that the Work Plan was included in the agenda packet.

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Cameron and Member Morley thanked the Office of the Board Secretary team for their good work and for preparing the Committee members on Zoom protocols prior to the meeting.

22. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Cameron, and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3.02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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VTA Office of the Board Secretary