

Congestion Management Program & Planning Committee

Thursday, May 21, 2020

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 Rennie via video and teleconference.

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	Vice Chairperson	Present
Howard Miller	Alternate Member	N/A
Raul Peralez	Member	Present
Rob Rennie	Chairperson	Present

A quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Roland Lebrun, Interested Citizen, commented on the Zoom panelist view.

3. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Orders of the Day.

CONSENT AGENDA

Evelynn Tran, General Counsel, referenced **Agenda Item #5.**, 2016 Measure B Castro Street Grade Separation Project Cooperative Agreement. Ms. Tran stated Vice Chairperson McAlister serves on the City of Mountain View City Council as well as the VTA Board of Directors and Congestion Management Program & Planning Committee; he receives a salary from the City of Mountain View and a per diem from VTA. Ms. Tran noted, under Government Code Section 1091.5(a)(9), Vice Chairperson McAlister has a non-interest on that item and he is not required to recuse himself and he may vote on that item.

Vice Chairperson McAlister requested that **Agenda Item #6**, Adopt Resolution to Apply Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Funds to the next Zero Emission Bus Procurement and the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector (EBRC) Project, be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.

4. **Regular Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2020**

M/S/C (McAlister/Peralez) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2020.

5. **2016 Measure B Castro Street Grade Separation Project Cooperative Agreement**

M/S/C (McAlister/Peralez) 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.

6. **(Removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.)**

Adopt Resolution to Apply Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Funds to the next Zero Emission Bus Procurement and the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector (EBRC) Project.

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

M/S/C (McAlister/Peralez) to receive the Programmed Projects Quarterly Monitoring Report for January - March 2020.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] – Consent Agenda Item #4-5 & 7
MOVER:	John McAlister, Vice Chairperson
SECONDER:	Raul Peralez, Member
AYES:	Diep, McAlister, Peralez, Rennie
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

REGULAR AGENDA

The Agenda was taken out of order.

6. **Adopt Resolution to Apply Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Funds to the Next Zero Emission Bus Procurement and the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector (EBRC) Project**

Vice Chairperson McAlister and staff discussed the following: 1) diversion of funds for Zero Emissions Buses to Eastridge; 2) accelerating sustainability; and 3) funding timeline.

M/S/C (Diep/Peralez) on a vote of 3 ayes to 1 no to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors: 1) adopt a resolution authorizing the General Manager or her designee to file and execute grant applications, agreements, certifications, assurances and allocation requests for VTA's 2019/20 Low Carbon Transportation and Operations Program (LCTOP) through the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans); 2) authorize the designation of alternate authorized agents; and 3) assign the LCTOP funds to the 2021 Zero Emission Bus Purchase and the Eastridge to BART Regional Corridor (EBRC) Project as recipients. Vice Chairperson McAlister opposed.

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

RESULT:	APPROVED – Agenda Item #6
MOVER:	Lan Diep, Member
SECONDER:	Raul Peralez, Member
AYES:	Diep, Peralez, Rennie
NOES:	McAlister
ABSENT:	None

8. Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report and Sustainability Plan

Lani Lee Ho, Senior Environmental Planner, provided the staff report and a presentation entitled “Sustainability Plan 2020.”

Members of the Committee and staff discussed the following: 1) requested staff clarify in the report that one carbon credit is equal to \$200; 2) cost benefit analysis; 3) climate action plan; 4) suggest VTA do more to increase its external influence in the region to help lower Green House Gases (GHG) and Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT); 5) expressed support for the plan and the work done; and 6) consider adding increased ridership as a metric in the plan.

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

RESULT:	APPROVED – Regular Agenda Item #8
MOVER:	Raul Peralez, Member
SECONDER:	Lan Diep, Member
AYES:	Diep, McAlister, Peralez, Rennie
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

9. 2016 Measure B Bicycle & Pedestrian Capital Projects Competitive Grant – Program of Projects

Jane Shinn, Senior Transportation Planner, provided the staff report and a presentation entitled “2016 Measure B Bicycle/Pedestrian Capital Projects Competitive Grant Program of Projects.”

Public Comment

Mr. Lebrun commented that the US 101/Blossom Hill overpass bicycle/pedestrian project was not funded.

Members of the Committee expressed appreciation for the work and acknowledged that nine of the recommended projects serve underserved communities and target populations with needs.

M/S/C (Peralez/Diep) 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 – Regular Agenda Item #9
MOVER:	Raul Peralez, Member
SECONDER:	Lan Diep, Member
AYES:	Diep, McAlister, Peralez, Rennie
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

10. Regional Transportation Plan Project List Submittal

John Sighamony, Senior Transportation Planner, provided the staff report and a presentation entitled “Plan Bay Area 2050 Project List.”

Public Comment

Mr. Lebrun commented on the connection between Hwy 25 and Hwy 101.

Robin Roemer, Interested Citizen, commented on the following projects: 1) Project #87, Widen Brokaw Bridge over Coyote Creek and noted a study has already been done which determined this is not feasible; 2) Project #88, Widen Oakland Rd. and noted most of this has already been widened; and 3) Project #84, SR 237 and US 101 do not intersect.

Members of the Committee suggested the following: 1) review and update the list as appropriate; 2) encourage the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to boost fixed mass transit rather than additional freeway widening; and 5) note the year of expenditures and that inflation is included.

M/S/C (Peralez/Diep) 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 – Regular Agenda Item #10
MOVER:	Raul Peralez, Member
SECONDER:	Lan Diep, Member
AYES:	Diep, McAlister, Peralez, Rennie
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

OTHER ITEMS

11. Items of Concern and Referral to Administration

Members of the Committee discussed the time allowed for public comment and noted it is at the discretion of the Chair for each individual committee.

12. Committee Work Plan

Vice Chairperson McAlister queried about the Strategic Plan. Staff noted the item is currently scheduled to be presented with the budget process in the fall timeframe.

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

13. Committee Staff Report

Scott Haywood, Deputy Director, Transit Planning & Capital Development, and Staff Liaison, provided the staff report, highlighting the following: 1) Capital Program – Highways; 2) Grants; 3) Senate Bill (SB) 743 Level of Service (LOS)-to-Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Transition; 4) Bike/Pedestrian Program; 5) US 101 Mobility Action Plan; and 6) Related Santa Clara/Great America Station.

Public Comment

Mr. Lebrun commented on the following: 1) integrating the Lick Mill Station with the Great America Station; and 2) consider double tracking to connect stations in Santa Clara and Fremont or Alviso.

14. Chairperson’s Report

There was no Chairperson’s report.

15. Determine Consent Agenda for the June 4, 2020, Board of Directors Meeting

CONSENT:

Agenda Item #5. 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.

Agenda Item #7. Receive the Programmed Projects Quarterly Monitoring Report for January - March 2020.

Agenda Item #8. Recommend that the VTA Board of Directors receive the Sustainability Program’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Annual Report and approve Sustainability Plan 2020.

Agenda Item #9. 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.

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REGULAR:

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16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nuria I. Fernandez, General Manager and CEO, announced at noon on May 21, 2020, VTA will join public transit agencies across the nation in a show of appreciation for transit workers who are on the front lines with so many other essential workers during this public health crisis. VTA trains and buses in service will #SoundTheHorn, giving two, one-second horn blasts.

Member Diep announced the opening of the Milpitas Bart Station on June 13, 2020.

17. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Rennie, and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita McGraw, Board Assistant
VTA Office of the Board Secretary