

## Policy Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 14, 2020

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairperson Constantine via video and teleconference only.

#### 1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Anne Bybee	City of Campbell	Present
<i>Susan Landry (Alternate)</i>	City of Campbell	N/A
Darcy Paul	City of Cupertino	Present
<i>Rod Sinks (Alternate)</i>	City of Cupertino	N/A
Marie Blankley	City of Gilroy	Present
<i>Fred Tovar (Alternate)</i>	City of Gilroy	N/A
Lynette Lee Eng	City of Los Altos	Present
<i>Jeannie Bruins (Alternate)</i>	City of Los Altos	N/A
Roger Spreen	Town of Los Altos Hills	Present
<i>Vacant (Alternate)</i>	Town of Los Altos Hills	-
Marcia Jensen	Town of Los Gatos	Present
<i>Barbara Spector (Alternate)</i>	Town of Los Gatos	N/A
Karina Dominguez	City of Milpitas	Present
<i>Vacant (Alternate)</i>	City of Milpitas	-
Javed Ellahie	City of Monte Sereno	Present
<i>Shawn Leuthold (Alternate)</i>	City of Monte Sereno	N/A
Rich Constantine	City of Morgan Hill	Present
<i>Yvonne Beltran Martinez (Alternate)</i>	City of Morgan Hill	N/A
Margaret Abe-Koga	City of Mountain View	Present
<i>Chris Clark (Alternate)</i>	City of Mountain View	N/A
Liz Kniss	City of Palo Alto	Absent
<i>Vacant (Alternate)</i>	City of Palo Alto	-
Sergio Jimenez	City of San Jose	Absent
<i>Vacant (Alternate)</i>	City of San Jose	-
Raj Chahal	City of Santa Clara	Absent
<i>Karen Hardy (Alternate)</i>	City of Santa Clara	N/A
Howard Miller	City of Saratoga	Present
<i>Rishi Kumar (Alternate)</i>	City of Saratoga	N/A
Mason Fong	City of Sunnyvale	Present
<i>Nancy Smith (Alternate)</i>	City of Sunnyvale	N/A
Mike Wasserman	County Board of Supervisors	Present
<i>Vacant (Alternate)</i>	County Board of Supervisors	-

**A quorum was present.**

**The Agenda was taken out of order.**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Roland Lebrun, Interested Citizen, commented about the following: 1) convening a Committee workshop; 2) Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) finances; and 3) suggested placing 2000 Measure A back on the ballot.

**2. ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Chairperson Constantine noted staff's request to place Regular **Agenda Item 10.**, 2016 Measure B Castro Street Grade Separation Project Cooperative Agreement to the Consent Agenda.

**M/S/C (Wasserman/Abe-Koga)** to approve the Orders of the Day.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED – Orders of the Day</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Wasserman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Abe-Koga
<b>AYES:</b>	Abe-Koga, Blankley, Bybee, Constantine, Dominguez, Ellahie, Fong, Jensen, Kniss, Lee Eng, Miller, Paul, Spreen, Wasserman
<b>NOES:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Chahal, Jimenez

**4. Committee Staff Report**

Aaron Quigley, Senior Policy Analyst and Committee Staff Liaison, provided a report, highlighting the following: 1) summary of actions the VTA Board of Directors (Board) took at their May 7, 2020, Regular meeting; 2) announced the 2016 Measure B placemat has been updated; 3) Covid-19 updates can be found on VTA's website homepage; 4) VTA's ridership; and 5) VTA's response to Covid-19.

Mr. Quigley introduced Franklin Wong, Deputy Director of Finance. Mr. Wong provided an update about impacts of Covid-19 to VTA finances.

Members of the Committee and staff discussed the following: 1) a reduction of funding for local streets and roads due to Covid-19; 2) future decisions related to service cuts and layoffs; 3) CARES Act funding; 4) how VTA is offsetting costs; and 5) operating reserve balance.

Jim Lawson, Chief External Affairs Officer, reported there will most likely be a percentage reduction in funding for Local Streets and Roads based on the sales tax results; and that any decisions related to funding will be made by the Board.

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

**Public Comment**

Mr. Lebrun commented about the following: 1) combined funding from sales tax measures; 2) 2000 Measure A funding; 2) finances for the BART extension to San Jose; 3) Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) filtration.

**5. Chairperson's Report**

Chairperson Constantine reminded the Committee about the process related to governing the meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**6. Regular Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2020**

M/S/C (Wasserman/Abe-Koga) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2020.

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

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

**10. 2016 Measure B Castro Street Grade Separation Project Cooperative Agreement**

M/S/C (Wasserman/Abe-koga) 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

**RESULT:** APPROVED – Consent Agenda #6-#7; #10  
**MOVER:** Wasserman  
**SECONDER:** Abe-Koga  
**AYES:** Abe-Koga, Blankley, Bybee, Constantine, Dominguez, Ellahie, Fong, Jensen, Lee Eng, Miller, Paul, Spreen, Wasserman  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Chahal, Jimenez, Kniss

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**8. Regional Transportation Plan Project List Submittal**

John Sighanomy, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the staff report and provided a presentation entitled Plan Bay Area 2050 Project List.

Members of the Committee and staff discussed the following: 1) concerns about not updating the project list based on current priorities and urgencies; 2) adjusting the list to projects that support more clean air to help address climate change; 3) impacts of Covid-19; 4) ventilation systems on public transit; 5) ridership numbers; 6) Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) requirements; 7) transparency; 8) MTC making modifications which would change the project list; 9) how VTA determined what projects

to move forward; and 10) providing a detailed report to the Committee that would show the process of how VTA reduced the project list and a list of the projects that were removed; and 11) any fiscal restraints.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Lebrun commented about the following: 1) when the Board approved the project list; 2) BART; 3) MTC’s role as it relates to cutting projects; and 4) MTC approving a connection between Highway (Hwy)101 and Hwy 25.

Mr. Quigley reported the following: 1) approving the list now does not prevent VTA from updating the list based on priorities or current needs; especially not knowing the full impacts of Covid-19; and 2) VTA staff would provide the Committee a report outlining when the Board reviewed the draft project list.

**M/S/C (Abe-Koga/Fong)** 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. Further, to include ways to address climate change.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED as Amended –Agenda Item #8</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Abe-Koga
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Fong
<b>AYES:</b>	Abe-Koga, Blankley, Bybee, Constantine, Dominguez, Fong, Jensen, Kniss, Lee Eng, Miller, Paul, Wasserman
<b>NOES:</b>	Ellahie, Spreen
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Chahal, Jimenez

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

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

Members of the Committee and staff discussed the following: 1) concerns that more trails and more bike paths are not being created for this specific category; 2) using 2016 Measure B funds to make up for gaps in other projects; 3) the need for member agencies to include bicycle and pedestrian groundwork in their highway projects; 4) the opportunity to re-evaluate projects, noting there is a five year check-in within the 10 year cycle; and 5) complete streets requirements in 2016 Measure B Capital projects.

**M/S/C (Jensen/Kniss)** 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 #9  
**MOVER:** Jensen  
**SECONDER:** Kniss  
**AYES:** Blankley, Bybee, Constantine, Dominguez, Ellahie, Fong, Jensen, Kniss, Lee Eng, Miller, Paul, Spreen, Wasserman  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Chahal, Jimenez, Abe-Koga

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

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.

**11. Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report and Sustainability Plan**

Lani Ho, Senior Environmental Planner, provided an overview of the staff report and provided a presentation entitled Sustainability Plan 2020.

Member Kniss left the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

**M/S/C (Miller/LeeEng )** 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–Agenda Item #11  
**MOVER:** Miller  
**SECONDER:** Lee Eng  
**AYES:** Abe-Koga, Blankley, Bybee, Constantine, Dominguez, Ellahie, Fong, Jensen, Lee Eng, Miller, Paul, Spreen, Wasserman  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Chahal, Jimenez, Kniss

**OTHER**

**12. Committee Work Plan**

Members of the Committee requested that staff provide future updates about the Covid-19 impacts and VTA responses; and 2) BART phase I and Phase II.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Lebrun commented about a joint VTA and BART Committee meeting to be held on May 22, 2020.

Mr. Quigley noted that the Committee would be receiving regular updates in future meetings related to the BART extension to San Jose and the impacts related to Covid-19.

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

13. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Quigely announced that staff just released the VTA ridership numbers, and it will be sent to the Committee.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

**On order of Chairperson Constantine** and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theadora Abraham, Board Assistant  
VTA Office of the Board Secretary