

## Safety, Security, and Transit Planning and Operations

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Safety, Security, and Transit Planning and Operations (SSTPO) Committee was called to order at 11:34 a.m. by Chairperson Jones by video and teleconference.

#### 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
Bob Nuñez	Member	Present
Teresa O'Neill	Alternate Member	N/A
Chappie Jones	Chairperson	Present

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

**A quorum was present.**

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lilian, Interested Citizen, inquired how VTA would enforce the City of San Jose's mandated face coverings on BART, Light Rail, and buses.

Roland Lebrun, Interested Citizen, commented on meeting video archives not yet posted on the portal website despite multiple requests. Mr. Lebrun also commented the time in submitting written comments should be two hours before the start of public meeting not 5:00 o'clock the day before of the meeting.

#### 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

Chairperson Jones opened nominations from the floor for the position of vice chairperson.

Member Cortese nominated Member Bob Nuñez for vice chairperson.

M/S/C (**Cortese/Jones**) to close the nominations and elect Member Bob Nuñez as Vice Chairperson.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ELECTED Vice Chairperson – Consent Agenda Items # 4</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Cortese
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jones
<b>AYES:</b>	Cortese, Jones, Nuñez
<b>NOES:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Carrasco

## CONSENT AGENDA

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

M/S/C (**Nuñez/Cortese**) to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2020.

6. **Revised 2020 SSTPO Committee Meeting Schedule**

M/S/C (**Nuñez/Cortese**) to approve the revised 2020 SSTPO Committee Meeting Schedule.

7. **Adopt a Revised Title VI Systemwide Service Standards & Policies**

M/S/C (**Nuñez/Cortese**) to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors adopt the revised Title VI Systemwide Service Standards & Policies, revised per the New Transit Service Plan.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED – Consent Agenda Items # 5-7</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nuñez
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Cortese
<b>AYES:</b>	Cortese, Jones, Nuñez
<b>NOES:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Carrasco

## REGULAR AGENDA

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

Lani Ho, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a presentation entitled “Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report and Sustainability Plan.”

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

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Lebrun commented on the absence of any adjustment in the targets for each key performance indicators (KPIs) considering there was massive reductions of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions resulting from stay-in-place mandate. He also inquired if VTA had plans in addressing the increase in greenhouse gas emissions when stay-in-place mandate is lifted.

Members of the Committee and staff discussed the following: 1) cost benefit analysis on the use of non-potable recycled water to irrigate VTA's River Oaks; and 2) VTA's decision to initially enroll in lower renewal energy matrix due to economics and would later reassess based on the data collected.

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED –Regular Agenda Item # 8</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nuñez
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Cortese
<b>AYES:</b>	Cortese, Jones, Nuñez
<b>NOES:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Carrasco

### **9. VTA Innovation Oversight Discussion**

Deborah Dagang, Director of Planning & Programming, and Gary Miskell, Deputy Director, Innovation, provided a detailed presentation on VTA Innovation Oversight Discussion.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Roland commented he could not see the presenters and the absence of PowerPoint slides during the presentation as this topic covers innovation. He also asked what innovation can be applied to increase ridership post pandemic situation.

Chairperson Jones asked that the Committee be notified of any updates or impacts to the operations to be able to provide input and opportunity to weigh in on issues as innovation and technology have direct impact to VTA operations.

**On order of Chairperson Jones** and there being no objection, the Committee received a report on VTA's Innovation Oversight.

### **10. Update on Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan**

Angelique Gaeta, Chief of System Safety & Security and Staff Liaison, provided an update on Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan.

**On order of Chairperson Jones**, and there being no objection, the Committee received the update on Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

Member Cortese left the meeting at 12:53 p.m., the quorum was lost, and a Committee of the Whole was declared.

### **11. April 2020 Monthly Ridership and Fare Revenue Performance Report**

Joonie Tolosa, Manager Operations Analysis, Reporting and Systems, presented the April 2020 Monthly Ridership and Fare Revenue Performance.

#### **Public Comment**

Mr. Lebrun commented what plan is in place to reverse the flattening of ridership to the opposite direction. He also reiterated how VTA will address the lack of filtration as it would not be safe to travel on public transportation.

Lilian commented ridership will increase if riders feel safer, particularly if facial covering is enforced.

Discussion ensued on the following: 1) collection of BART ridership data related to Santa Clara County, and 2) short- and long-term impact on the decrease of farebox collection as the result of COVID-19 pandemic.

Nuria I. Fernandez, General Manager/CEO, noted the following: 1) the absence of Clipper card readers and cash machines in the back of the bus makes it difficult to collect fare; 2) public transportation industry is not designed for social distancing, but rather to collect fares from riders traveling in particular route to reach their destinations; 3) funding assistance provided by Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act; 4) creation of working groups to share preliminary plans to recover and remit, to provide long-term full level of service based on the availability of drivers and limited number of riders allowed in each bus, private and public sector work from home, marketing, and engaging the public to assist in preparation for the full lifting of shelter-in-place; and 5) financial sustainability. Ms. Fernandez mentioned financial condition and the report on financial forecast by the financial management company will be shared in the upcoming Administration and Finance Committee meeting.

Ms. Fernandez further emphasized the intensive cleaning regimen and sanitation of all buses and trains, strictly following regulations and guidelines enforced by the County Public Officer. This campaign is shared and published through posters and public meetings with minimal interaction with the public.

**On order of Chairperson Jones**, and there being no objection, the Committee received the April 2020 Monthly Ridership and Fare Revenue Performance Report.

## 12. **VTA's Safety and Security Programs**

- **COVID-19 Update**

Angelique Gaeta, Chief of System Safety & Security and Staff Liaison, provided an update on COVID-19, highlighting the following: 1) VTA's effort to provide ride services to essential locations during the pandemic; 2) acquired a Memo of Understanding (MOU) from the County to provide paratransit services to patients in hospitals to other locations, and 3) VTA's efforts to ensure the health and safety of employees and riders during the pandemic including social distancing and face covering mandates.

### **Public Comments**

Mr. Roland thanked VTA for addressing social distancing without having to explain to the public on how to do it. He commented on in-house seating capacity, reaching out to private sectors on how to address HVAC and filtration in transit and buildings to decrease spread of disease in public transportation.

Lilian commented no money is exchanged in public transit and addressing additional bus or lines to alleviate overcrowded buses.

Upon inquiry of Member Nuñez, Ms. Fernandez noted the presentations provided at this meeting were provided to the Committee Members and were available on our website. Ms. Fernandez noted that staff would provide the links to the presentations to the Committee Members to share with their constituents.

**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**

Chairperson Jones noted that the Committee Work Plan was included in the Agenda Packet.

## 15. **Committee Staff Report**

Ms. Gaeta provided the Committee Staff Report, highlighting the following: 1) Ms. Fernandez and Robert Powers, BART General Manager, signed the Certification of Safety for Milpitas and Berryessa BART stations (Silicon Valley BART Extension) on May 20, 2020; and 2) June 13, 2020, is the opening date of BART Milpitas and BART Berryessa stations.

Ms. Fernandez thanked the Board, past and present members, for their involvement in the creation of the BART program. She mentioned the community efforts of elected officials, technical personnel, and government agencies working together to reach this goal. She also mentioned BART Milpitas and BART Berryessa stations ribbon cutting will be in the morning of June 13, 2020, an outdoor event, conforming to appropriate distancing in each station.

Chairperson Jones and Member Nuñez congratulated Ms. Fernandez and staff for their expertise, professionalism, and hard work in making this program possible.

**16. Chairperson's Report**

Although there was no Chairperson's report, Chairperson Jones made a formal request to have the inside of a train or bus as the background in Zoom meetings.

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

**CONSENT:**

**Agenda Item #7.**, Recommend that the VTA Board of Directors adopt the revised Title VI Systemwide Service Standards & Policies, revised per the New Transit Service Plan.

**REGULAR:**

**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.

**18. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Announcements.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

**On order of Chairperson Jones** and there being no objection, the meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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VTA Office of the Board Secretary