

BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP MEETING

Friday, April 19, 2019

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Workshop Meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's (VTA) Board of Directors (Board) was called to order by Chairperson O'Neill at 9:08 a.m. in the VTA Auditorium, 3331 North First Street, San José, California.

1.1. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Marie Blankley	Alternate Board Member	NA
Larry Carr	Board Member	Present
Magdalena Carrasco	Board Member	Present
Cindy Chavez	Vice Chairperson	Present
David Cortese	Board Member	Present
Dev Davis	Alternate Board Member	NA
Lan Diep	Board Member	Present
Susan Ellenberg	Alternate Board Member	NA
Adrian Fine	Alternate Board Member	NA
Glenn Hendricks	Alternate Board Member	Present
Chappie Jones	Board Member	Present
Sam Liccardo	Board Member	Present
John McAlister	Board Member	Present
Howard Miller	Alternate Board Member	Present
Teresa O'Neill	Chairperson	Present
Raul Peralez	Board Member	Present
Rob Rennie	Board Member	Present
Rich Tran	Board Member	NA
Jeannie Bruins	Ex-Officio Member	Present

* Alternates do not serve unless participating as a Member.

A quorum was present.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of allegiance commenced.

1.3. Orders of the Day

There were no Orders of the Day.

Board Member Cortese arrived and took his seat at 9:09 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mason Edward, Interested Citizen, commented about excessive idling of private commuter shuttles at VTA park and ride lots and suggested VTA impose a surcharge.

John Cordes, Interested Citizen, commented about the following: 1) VTA's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget; 2) the importance of bicycling; 3) investing 2016 Measure B funds appropriately; and 4) increasing the Bicycle and Pedestrian budget.

Roland Lebrun, Interested Citizen, commented about the following: 1) the importance of transparency; and 2) 2000 Measure A funds and how they are being used.

Nuria. I Fernandez, CEO and General Manager, reported that VTA's Citizens Advisory Committee is an oversight Committee of the 2000 Measure A funds and has an independent auditor that reviews measure expenditures.

Chris Moylan, Interested Citizen, commented about the lack of communication between customers and VTA.

3. WORKSHOP ITEMS

3.1 FY 2020 and FY 2021 Proposed Biennial Budget

Ms. Fernandez provided opening remarks.

Board Member Carr arrived and took his seat at 9:23 a.m.

Raj Srinath, Deputy General Manager/Chief Financial Officer, noted VTA has taken a conservative approach with this proposed budget. Mr. Srinath introduced Carol Lawson, Deputy Director, Finance, Budget & Program Management, who provided an overview of the staff report and provided a presentation entitled Proposed Biennial Budget Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021.

Board Member Liccardo arrived and took his seat at 9:45 a.m.

Members of the Committee made the following comments: 1) inquired if any assumptions were made regarding Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) labor negotiations; 2) commented about the range of increase regarding Senate Bill 1 funding; and 3) recommended showing a slide that reflects a comparison of revenues and expenses.

Members of the Committee and staff discussed the following: 1) expenses being higher than estimated; 2) Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Agreement with the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART); 3) contingency funds; 4) providing an update to the Board about sales tax;

Ms. Fernandez announced VTA will hold a June 2019 Board workshop meeting where there will be an opportunity to discuss and review items including the sales tax measure and the BART O&M Agreement.

Members of the Committee and staff continued to discuss the following: 1) VTA's deficit; 2) 10-year budgeting model and framework included in the budget document as requested by the Ad Hoc Financial Stability Committee; 3) importance for clear and concise language; 4) Capital Program; 5) VTA's private/public partnerships; 6) VTA's budget for innovation; 7) various projects and impacts outlined in the proposed budget; 8) the importance of prioritizing congestion management ; 9) opportunities for VTA revenue and any VTA constraints; 10) fare increases; 11) expenditure growth and historical expenditures; and 12) sales tax and fare revenue growth.

Ms. Fernandez and Mr. Srinath discussed why VTA is not imposing a fare increase at this time and steps that need to be taken before implementing a fare increase.

Ms. Lawson made the following comments: 1) discussed at length the details of the proposed budget; 2) referenced several pages in the booklet that would provide immediate answers to some of the Board Members questions; and 3) announced three community meetings that will be held on May 6, 2019, in Morgan Hill; May 8, 2019, in San Jose; and May 9, 2019 in Mountain View.

Public Comment

The following Interested Citizens expressed strong support for continuing the Eastridge Light Rail Extension Project:

- Ernesto Banja
- Sylvia Arenas
- Craig Ferguson
- Laura Arechiga
- Sandra Rodriguez
- Gracie Ramos
- Andres Solomonoff
- Leslie A. Waters
- Gloria Rivera
- Quintin Aguilar
- Pedro Yanez
- Matt Savage
- Reuben Navarro
- Olivia Navararo
- Jeremy Barousse

- Pattie Cortese
- Roberto Rivera
- Keysone Manithap
- Interested Citizen
- Vivian Valdez

Cole Cameron, Cambrian Community Council, commented about the following: 1) reallocating funds for bus route 65; and 2) Board process for questions and answers from the public.

Aboubacar Ndiaye, Interested Citizen, commented about the following: 1) outcome of the Ad Hoc Financial Stability Committee; and 2) creating a contingency budget.

Adina Levi, Friends of Caltrain, commented about the following: 1) Fast Program; 2) ridership; and 3) BART to Santa Clara Transit Center.

Nicole Soultanov, SPUR, commented about the following: 1) VTA's challenges; 2) current projects and replicating service; 3) current technology; and 4) VTA prioritizing the communities that are in need of transit service.

Mr. Mason commented about how VTA could receive revenue from VTA park and ride lots.

Mr. Lebrun commented about the following: 1) Congestion Management; 2) 2008 Measure B funds; 3) shuttles busses; 4) appropriating funds correctly.

Vivian Valdez, Interested Citizen, commented about the disabled community needing public transportation.

Board Member Liccardo announced that after the meeting, he would meet with anyone from the public to discuss the Eastridge Light Rail Extension Project.

Members of the Board and Ken Ronsse, Deputy Director of Rail Facilities, discussed the following related to the Eastridge Light Rail Extension Project: 1) funds already vested; 2) various funding sources for the project; 3) Regional Measure 3 funds already programmed for the project; 4) VTA's commitment to the community to complete the extension; 5) any viable alternatives to light rail; and 6) schedule for the project's environmental document.

On order of Chairperson O'Neill and there being no objection, the Board reviewed and discussed the Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021 Proposed Biennial Budget.

3.2 (Deferred)

Review and receive the February 2019 Future of Transportation Workshop next steps.

4. OTHER ITEMS

4.1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Announcements.

5. CLOSED SESSION

5.1. Recessed to Closed Session at 11:44 a.m.

Conference with Labor Negotiators
[Government Code Section 54957.6]

VTA Designated Representatives

Bob Escobar, Negotiator

Raj Srinath, Deputy General Manager/Chief Financial Officer

Inez Evans, Chief Operating Officer

Employee Organizations

Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 265

5.2. Reconvened to Open Session 12:19 p.m.

5.3. Closed Session Report

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Evelynn Tran, General Counsel, noted no reportable action was taken during closed session.

6. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson O'Neill and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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VTA Office of the Board Secretary