

BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP MEETING

Friday, January 22, 2021

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 Hendricks at 9:19 a.m. via video and teleconference.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Margaret Abe-Koga	Ex-Officio Member	Present
Marie Blankley	Alternate Board Member	Present
Pat Burt	Board Member	Present
Magdalena Carrasco	Board Member	Present
Cindy Chavez	Board Member	Present
Rich Constantine	Board Member	Present
Dev Davis	Alternate Board Member	Present
Lisa M. Gillmor	Alternate Board Member	Present
Glenn Hendricks	Chairperson	Present
Sergio Jimenez	Board Member	Present
Chappie Jones	Vice Chairperson	Present
Otto Lee	Alternate Board Member	Absent
Sam Liccardo	Board Member	Present
Carmen Montano	Board Member	Present
Darcy Paul	Board Member	Present
Raul Peralez	Board Member	Present
Rob Rennie	Alternate Board Member	Present
Joe Simitian	Board Member	Present
Vacant	Alternate Board Member	N/A

* Alternates do not serve unless participating as a Member.

A quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Roland, Interested Citizen, commented on BART Phase I cost.

Blair Beekman, Interested Citizen, expressed concern about surveillance technology.

Evelynn Tran, General Counsel and Interim General Manager/CEO, briefly responded to concerns about the cost of BART Phase I.

3. WORKSHOP ITEMS

3.1. **VTA's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan**

Angelique Gaeta, Chief of System Safety & Security; and Susan Lucero, Safety Manager, provided a presentation entitled "Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)."

Public Comment

Mr. Roland commented that the PTASP is better suited to be heard at the Safety, Security, and Transit Planning & Operations (SSTPO) Committee, and then should be placed on the consent agenda at a Board meeting.

Eugene Bradley, Interested Citizen, encouraged VTA to return to rear boarding on buses as there has been an increase in COVID-19 cases among drivers.

Mr. Beekman commented on cleaning of paratransit vehicles.

On order of Chairperson Hendricks and there being no objection, the Board received a presentation on VTA's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP).

3.2. **Fiscal Year 2021 Budget and Upcoming Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023 Biennial Budget Update**

Kathleen Kelly, Interim Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation entitled "Update on the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget and Upcoming Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 Biennial Budget."

Public Comment

The following Interested Citizens expressed support for funding transit operations:

- Daniel Huynh
- Charlotte Quinn
- Tessa Woodmansee
- Mark Roestj
- David Ying
- Calley Yang
- Kevin Ma
- Monica Mallon
- Hoai-An Truong
- Kamila
- Mr. Bradley
- Brian Preskitt

Mr. Roland commented on Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act money.

Mr. Beekman praised Nuria I. Fernandez's work as General Manager/CEO.

Members of the Board discussed the budget process prior to approval in the spring.

Members of the Board had the following requests: 1) engage the Board and public so they can help advocate for additional CARES funds; 2) encouraged staff to look into how to engage on a regional level the discussion on equity as it relates to transit dependent riders; 3) examine the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency analysis on their riders and the framework; and 4) analyze investments in partner regional agencies (Altamont Commuter Express (ACE), Highway 17 bus, etc.) so that VTA is not penalized because of these investments.

On order of Chairperson Hendricks and there being no objection, the Board received an update on the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget and upcoming Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023 Biennial Budget.

3.3. 2016 Measure B 10-year Program Development Update

Ms. Kelly provided a presentation entitled "2016 Measure B 10-Year Program Development."

Public Comment

Mr. Roland spoke about BART funding.

Mr. Beekman commented on VTA's budget.

Adina Levin, Friends of Caltrain, commented on the shift in funding to better align with the voters' intent.

Ms. Mallon commented on transit operations.

Members of the Board made the following suggestions: 1) adding a principle addressing equity; 2) be more explicit on public documents about when the Board will consider the Measure B 10-year plan to increase public transparency; 3) suggested that the program principles include funding allocations consistent with the provisions of 2016 Measure B and projects provide the greatest measure of congestion mitigation for the greater number of county residents be prioritized; 4) make congestion management more explicit; 5) better communication about the intent of the proposals; 6) leverage low cost financing sources; 7) make innovation more explicit on the website; 8) have a principle or criteria on maintaining the current operation levels and expanding current levels; 9) aggregate equity with climate considerations and better define the two; 10) equity in terms of overall fairness; 11) how projects are assessed relative to climate considerations; 12) what community support and partner agency engagement means including a deeper dive on how we look at project readiness and how community support and partner

agency engagement relate to project readiness; 13) funding availability and opportunities to access resources; and 14) leveraging money for grade separation.

Members of the Board made the following requests: 1) the basis of the Caltrain grade separation money being exhausted in the first four years of projects; 2) definitions for equity, climate considerations, partner agency, and community support; 3) clarity on the principles and criteria for the project areas; and 4) information on how the principles translate into dollars.

Members of the Board made the following comments: 1) noted the importance of Board Members relaying information to their respective jurisdictions and understanding what is happening at the Board and state level; and 2) commented on the difference of perception in what the public thinks they voted on, what elected officials and the Board think was voted on, and what VTA sees as being decided by 2016 Measure B.

Board Member Simitian requested General Counsel follow up with his office on language in 2016 Measure B related to financing and the impact of financing on project costs.

On order of Chairperson Hendricks and there being no objection, the Board received an update on the 2016 Measure B 10-year Program Development.

4. OTHER ITEMS

4.1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Announcements.

5. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Hendricks and there being no objection, the workshop meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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