

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, November 5, 2020

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Regular Meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's (VTA) Board of Directors (Board) was called to order by Vice Chairperson Hendricks at 5:30 p.m. via video and teleconference.

1.1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Marie Blankley	Alternate Board Member	N/A
Jeannie Bruins	Ex-Officio Member	Present
Larry Carr	Board Member	Present
Magdalena Carrasco	Board Member	Present
Cindy Chavez	Chairperson	Absent
David Cortese	Board Member	Present
Dev Davis	Alternate Board Member	N/A
Lan Diep	Board Member	Present
Susan Ellenberg	Alternate Board Member	N/A
Glenn Hendricks	Vice Chairperson	Present
Charles "Chappie" Jones	Board Member	Present
Liz Kniss	Alternate Board Member	N/A
Sam Liccardo	Board Member	Present
John McAlister	Board Member	Present
Howard Miller	Alternate Board Member	Present
Bob Nuñez	Board Member	Present
Teresa O'Neill	Alternate Board Member	Present
Raul Peralez	Board Member	Present
Rob Rennie	Board Member	Present

* Alternates do not serve unless participating as a Member.

A quorum was present.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

There was no Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3. Orders of the Day

There were no Orders of the Day.

2. AWARDS AND COMMENDATION

There were no Awards and Commendations.

Board Members Carrasco, Cortese and Diep joined the meeting via video and
teleconference at 5:32 p.m.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tessa Woodmansee, Interested Citizen, commented about the following: 1) public speaker time; 2) working remotely during COVID-19; and 3) the importance of public comment.

Blair Beekman, Interested Citizen, commented on the importance of addressing COVID-19 issues.

Cole Cameron, Interested Citizen, thanked staff for their work in expanding bus service to the Veterans Affairs Center and encouraged increased service.

John Courtney, Interested Citizen, expressed concern with Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) COVID-19 operator and mechanic deaths.

The following Interested Citizens commented on the importance of sustainable, robust transit and urged the Board to find funding solutions to prevent transit service cuts and increase service as soon as possible.

- Jeremy Erman
- Kevin Ma
- Moria Merriweather
- Charlotte
- Hayden
- Blair Beekman
- Dean
- Kassel
- Diya Kandhra
- Tiffany Chen
- Pragya Natarajan
- Carolina Villa
- Sonia Patil
- Alexis
- Jon Joey Telebrico
- Danica Kubota
- Ajla Trumic
- Cristina Phan
- Luiza Eloy
- Sahana Moogi
- Hoai-An Truong
- Lisa Yan

- Jenny Green
- Daniel Huynh
- Patrick Ahrens
- River Harris
- Ari Feinsmith
- Yolanda Guerra
- Linda HK
- Bob Barrett
- Xinran Xu
- Natasha Cougoule
- Susan Butler-Graham
- Mallory Mitton
- Castle
- Emily Pachoud

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Chairperson's Report

CAC Chairperson Schuler provided a report on the CAC's meeting of October 7, 2020.

5.2. Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Chairperson's Report

Vice Chairperson Hendricks noted the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Chairperson's report was included in the online agenda packet.

5.3. Standing Committee Chairpersons' Report

Vice Chairperson Hendricks provided a report on the Governance and Audit Committee meeting of November 5, 2020.

Vice Chairperson Hendricks noted that the remaining Standing Committee Chairpersons' reports were included in the online agenda packet.

5.4. Policy Advisory Board Chairpersons' Report

There were no Policy Advisory Board Chairpersons' Reports.

Public Comment

Mr. Beekman commented on budget cut concerns.

Mr. Lebrun commented on the following: 1) committee reports; and 2) thanked Board Member Rennie for his questions on BART Phase II accounting practices and noted he would like the numbers reflected in **Agenda Item # 7.1.**, Silicon Valley Rapid Transit (SVRT) Program Update.

Mr. Erman commented on the 2021 Transit Service Plan.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Public Comment

Mr. Beekman commented on the following: 1) state funding; 2) future financial concerns; and 3) local level funding patterns.

Mr. Lebrun commented on the funding numbers in **Agenda Item #6.4.**, 2000 Measure A Semi-Annual Report Ending June 30, 2020.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE (A&F) COMMITTEE

6.1 Fiscal Year 2020 Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending June 30, 2020

M/S/C (**Carr/Liccardo**) to review and accept the Fiscal Year 2020 Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the period ending June 30, 2020.

CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM & PLANNING (CMPP) COMMITTEE

6.2 Memorandum of Understanding between Council of San Benito County Governments & VTA – Term Extension

M/S/C (**Carr/Liccardo**) to authorize the General Manager to execute a five-year extension of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Council of San Benito County Governments to continue the Mobility Partnership to provide direction on mobility improvements in the southern Santa Clara and northern San Benito county area, including the development of the SR 152 Trade Corridor.

6.3 Modify Bicycle Set-Asides for Transportation Development Act Article 3 and Transportation Fund for Clean Air Act Programs

M/S/C (**Carr/Liccardo**) to approve modifications to Transportation Development Act Article 3 and Transportation Fund for Clean Air funding set-asides for bicycle and pedestrian projects.

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

6.4 2000 Measure A Semi-Annual Report Ending June 30, 2020

M/S/C (Carr/Liccardo) to receive the 2000 Measure A Transit Improvement Program Semi-Annual Report Ending June 30, 2020.

6.5 VTP Transportation Program Semi-Annual Report Ending June 30, 2020

M/S/C (Carr/Liccardo) to receive the Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) Transportation Program Semi-Annual Report Ending June 30, 2020.

SAFETY, SECURITY, AND TRANSIT PLANNING & OPERATIONS (SSTPO) COMMITTEE
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There were no items submitted for the Consent Agenda from the Safety, Security, and Transit Planning & Operations Committee.

GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT (G&A) COMMITTEE

6.6 Ratification of Appointments/Reappointments to the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

M/S/C (Carr/Liccardo) to ratify appointments or reappointments to the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee for the two-year term ending June 30, 2022.

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6.7 Workshop Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2020

M/S/C (Carr/Liccardo) to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2020.

6.8 Regular Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2020

M/S/C (Carr/Liccardo) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2020.

6.9. Unapproved Minutes/Summary Reports from VTA Committees, Joint Powers Boards (JPB), and Regional Commissions

M/S/C (Carr/Liccardo) to receive unapproved Minutes/Summary Reports from VTA Committees, Joint Powers Boards (JPB), and Regional Commissions.

RESULT:	APPROVED – Agenda Items #6.1-6.9
MOVER:	Larry Carr, Board Member
SECONDER:	Sam Liccardo, Board Member
AYES:	Carr, Carrasco, Cortese Diep, Hendricks, Jones, Liccardo, McAlister, Nuñez, Peralez, Rennie
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Chavez

7. REGULAR AGENDA

7.1 Silicon Valley Rapid Transit (SVRT) Program Update

Takis Salpeas, BART Silicon Valley Extension Project Chief, provided a presentation entitled VTA's BART Silicon Valley Program.

Raj Srinath, Deputy General Manager and Chief Financial Officer, clarified the funding categories and reports.

Public Comment

Mr. Lebrun commented on the BART reports.

On order of Vice Chairperson Hendricks and there being no objection, the Board of Directors received the Silicon Valley Rapid Transit (SVRT) Program Update.

Mr. Beekman commented on the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending June 30, 2020 and BART stations.

Tessa Woodmansee, Interested Citizen, commented on the following: 1) the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending June 30, 2020; 2) expressed support for working from home; and 3) suggested trimming BART stations.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE (A&F) COMMITTEE

There were no items submitted for the Regular Agenda from the Administration and Finance Committee.

CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM & PLANNING (CMPP) COMMITTEE

There were no items submitted for the Regular Agenda from the Congestion Management Program & Planning Committee.

SAFETY, SECURITY, AND TRANSIT PLANNING & OPERATIONS (SSTP&O) COMMITTEE

There were no items submitted for the Regular Agenda from the Safety, Security, and Transit Planning & Operations Committee.

GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT (G&A) COMMITTEE

There were no items submitted for the Regular Agenda from the Governance and Audit Committee.

8. OTHER ITEMS

8.1. General Manager Report

Nuria I. Fernandez, General Manager/CEO, noted that the Ridership Trends and Safety and Security reports were included in the agenda online packet.

8.1.A. VTA Access Paratransit COVID-19 Preparedness

Andrew Burke, Regional Transportation Services Manager, provided an update on Access Paratransit COVID-19 Vehicle Preparedness.

8.1.B. Government Affairs Update

Ms. Fernandez noted that the Government Affairs report was included in the online agenda packet.

8.2. Chairperson's Report

There was no Chairperson's report.

8.2.A. Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson Election Process

Vice Chairperson Hendricks reviewed the Board leadership process.

8.2.B. Proposed 2021 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

Vice Chairperson Hendricks referenced the proposed Board of Directors meeting dates for 2021 and asked Board Members to review them, and to notify the Office of the Board Secretary of any conflicts. Vice Chairperson Hendricks noted that the Board of Directors is scheduled to approve their meeting schedule at the December 3, 2020 meeting.

8.3. ITEMS OF CONCERN AND REFERRAL TO ADMINISTRATION

Board Member McAlister expressed concern regarding the following: 1) large number of new Board Members for 2021 and the importance of engagement; and 2) the importance of transparency and public engagement for 2016 Measure B 10-year Expenditure Outlook.

8.4. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

Public Comment

Ms. Woodmansee commented on the following: 1) importance of maintaining one Board Member with historical knowledge; and 2) the need to realign 2016 Measure B funding.

Aaron Morrow, Interested Citizen, commented on the following: 1) expressed support for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Paratransit COVID-19 preparedness program. He suggested VTA and the paratransit contractor coordinate to cover passenger co-pay testing fees should a passenger get COVID-19 on a VTA vehicle.

Eugene Bradley, Interested Citizen, commented on the following: 1) expressed support for the COVID-19 preparedness program; and 2) expressed concern that the public was not notified about routes where a driver had tested positive for COVID-19.

Mr. Lebrun commented on the following: 1) express appreciation to VTA for protecting the most vulnerable in the community; and 2) the Board of Directors election process.

9. CLOSED SESSION

9.1 Recessed to Closed Session at 7:30 p.m.

- A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation
[Government Code Section 54957]

Title: General Manager

- B. Pub Public Employee Performance Evaluation
[Government Code Section 54957]

Title: General Counsel

9.2 Reconvened to Open Session at 8:00 p.m.

9.3 Closed Session Report

- A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation
[Government Code Section 54957]

Title: General Manager

Vice Chairperson Hendricks noted no reportable action was taken during Closed Session.

- B.** Pub Public Employee Performance Evaluation
[Government Code Section 54957]

Title: General Counsel

Vice Chairperson Hendricks noted no reportable action was taken during Closed Session.

10. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Vice Chairperson Hendricks and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. in Memory of VTA Operator Audrey Lopez.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita McGraw, Board Assistant
VTA Office of the Board Secretary