

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, August 6, 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 Chairperson Chavez at 5:33 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	Present
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

The Pledge of Allegiance commenced.

1.3. Orders of the Day

Chairperson Chavez noted the following changes: 1) staff's request to move **Regular Agenda Item #7.4**, Contract Amendment with AECOM for the US 101/Zanker Road Interchange Project, VTA Contract S15220 – AECOM – Amendment 5 to the Consent Agenda; and 2) staff's request to remove **Agenda Item #9.1.A.,** Conference with Legal Counsel – Under Negotiation: Terms and conditions of Lease Option Agreement from the Agenda

M/S/C (Hendricks/Nuñez) to accept the Orders of the Day.

Public Comment

Tessa Woodmansee, Interested Citizen, commented on the importance of strong VTA leadership in relation to the climate emergency and the reduction of fossil fuels.

Blair Beekman, Interested Citizen, thanked the Board for allowing public comment under Orders of the Day.

RESULT: ACCEPTED – Agenda Item #1.3 MOVER: Glenn Hendricks, Vice Chairperson

SECONDER: Bob Nuñez, Board Member

AYES: Carr, Chavez, Cortese, Diep, Hendricks, Jones, Liccardo,

McAlister, Nuñez, Peralez, Rennie

NOES: None ABSENT: Carrasco

2. AWARDS AND COMMENDATION

There were no Awards and Commendations.

Board Member Carrasco joined the meeting via video and teleconference at 5:46 p.m.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Roland Lebrun, Interested Citizen, commented on the following: 1) thanked the Board Secretary team for uploading meeting video archives; and 2) expressed concern about the disappearance of the Measure A Transparency Dashboard during the website migration.

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

The following Interested Citizens commented on climate change concerns, prioritizing transit, encouraged the Board to hold a workshop to discuss transit solutions, such as frontload the 2016 Measure B transit operations funding and shift 2016 Measure B funding from highway and expressway expansion to transit solutions;

- Ms. Woodmansee
- Teri Plantenberg
- Connie Cunningham
- Susan Butler Graham
- Kevin Ma
- Tahoe Roe
- Aaron Eckhouse
- April Webster
- Diya Kandhra
- Zibaa Adil
- Dustin Harber
- Tim Menard
- Charlotte Quinn
- Defne Clarke
- Zoe Vulpe
- Tiffany Chen
- Lindsey Hillesland
- Darian Lee
- Katie Leong
- Kelly Mao
- Elisa Floyd
- Adithi
- Hoai-An Truong
- Sonia Patil
- Gary Ding
- Radhika Goel
- Adina Levin
- Ari Feinsmith
- Taralynn Kang
- Justin Li
- Daniel Huynh
- Annabelle
- Vanessa
- Scott Mace
- Liv Do
- Eugene Bradley
- Vivian
- Helen Deng
- Cynthia Maciel
- Neil Park-McClintick
- Gary Martin
- Joseph
- CC

- Kristin Suko
- Monica Mallon

Aleta Dupree, Interested Citizen, expressed support for VTA General Manager/CEO, Nuria I. Fernandez.

Mr. Beekman commented on the following: 1) expressed support for mixed-income housing; 2) importance of sustainable transit; and 3) suggested the Board should consider reducing fares as a sign of good faith to the transit community.

Gary Martin, Interested Citizen, expressed concern regarding the termination of weekend service on Line 523 and urged the Board to reconsider that decision.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

4.1. EBRC Parcels: EBRC 1205 (Don's Investment), EBRC 1216 (AutoZone West LLC)

Ron Golem, Director of Real Estate & Transit Oriented Development, provided a presentation, entitled "Eastridge to BART Regional Connector: Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project (EBRC)."

The public hearing was opened for each property. There were no public speakers.

Board Members McAlister expressed opposition to acquiring these properties for the following reasons: 1) tremendous uncertainty due to COVID-19 and other financial responsibilities; 2) alternative plans for transit and other studies have not been reviewed by the Board; and 3) the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) notes increased congestion is expected.

Members of the Board and staff discussed the following: 1) status of planned property acquisitions; and 2) potential alternative technology solutions to light rail.

Board Member Carr expressed opposition to acquiring these properties for the following reasons: 1) looking at the impact in its entirety is difficult; and 2) the eminent domain process is affecting peoples' properties and their business' during a difficult time when VTA does not know exactly how they will be moving forward.

Public Comment

Mr. Lebrun encouraged the Board to consider the significantly lower cost rubber tire solution that will be unveiled in Las Vegas in January.

M/S/C (Hendricks/Cortese) on a vote of 10 ayes to 2 noes to close the Public Hearing and adopt Resolution No. 2020.08.25 and Resolution No. 2020.08.26 determining that the public interest and necessity require the acquisition of the property interests from two properties owned, respectively, by: (1) Don's Investment & Development, Inc., a California corporation, as to an undivided 50% interest, Tuhoan's Corp, a California corporation, as to an undivided 25% interest, and P & V Properties, Inc., a California corporation, as to an undivided 25% interest, all as tenants in common, located in San Jose, California; and (2) AutoZone West LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, successor in interest to Chief Auto Parts, Inc, a Delaware corporation, located in San Jose, California; for the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector (EBRC): Capitol Light Rail Project. Board Members McAlister and Carr opposed.

Resolution No. 2020.08.25

Property ID/Assessor's Parcel Number/Owner

EBRC 1205 (APN 484-45-116) owned by Don's Investment & Development, Inc., a California corporation, as to an undivided 50% interest, Tuhoan's Corp, a California corporation, as to an undivided 25% interest, and P & V Properties, Inc., a California corporation, as to an undivided 25% interest, all as tenants in common.

Resolution No. 2020.08.26

Property ID/Assessor's Parcel Number/Owner

EBRC 1216 (APN 486-43-106) owned by AutoZone West LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, successor in interest to Chief Auto Parts, Inc, a Delaware corporation.

RESULT: ADOPTED – to close the Public Hearing and adopt

Resolutions for EBRC 1205, and EBRC 1216

MOVER: Glenn Hendricks, Vice Chairperson

SECONDER: Dave Cortese, Board Member

AYES: Carrasco, Chavez, Cortese, Diep, Hendricks, Jones, Liccardo,

Nuñez, Peralez, Rennie

NOES: Carr. McAlister

ABSENT: None

4.2. JPB Parcel: JPB-SC4-0090-1A, -2A (Pacific Gas and Electric Company)

Mr. Golem introduced Brian Fitzpatrick, Director of Real Estate and Property Development, Caltrain, who provided a presentation, entitled "Caltrain Modernization Program Electrification Project."

The public hearing was opened. There were no public speakers.

M/S/C (Hendricks/Nuñez) on a vote of 12 ayes to 0 noes to close the Public Hearing and adopt Resolution No. 2020.08.27 determining that the public interest and necessity require the acquisition of the property interests from the property owned by Pacific Gas and Electric Company, a California corporation, located in San Jose, California, for the Joint Powers Board (JPB) Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project (PCEP).

Resolution No. 2020.08.27

Property ID/Assessor's Parcel Number/Owner

JPB-SC4-0090 (APN 259-26-019, -020, -023 and 259-27-027) owned by Pacific Gas and Electric Company, a California corporation

RESULT: ADOPTED – to close the Public Hearing and adopt a

Resolution for JPB-SC4-090

MOVER: Glenn Hendricks, Vice Chairperson

SECONDER: Bob Nuñez, Board Member

AYES: Carr, Carrasco, Chavez, Cortese, Diep, Hendricks, Jones,

Liccardo, McAlister, Nuñez, Peralez, Rennie

NOES: None ABSENT: None

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

CAC Vice Chairperson Swaminathan provided a report on the CAC's meeting of July 8, 2020.

Chairperson Chavez requested staff provide the Board with the annual CWC Public Hearing meeting information so the Board may provide the information to their various networks and newsletters.

Public Comment

Mr. Beekman expressed support for the continued CAC/CWC meetings during the COVID-19 crisis.

Mr. Bradley expressed support for archiving all committee meeting media files onto the VTA agenda portal.

Mr. Lebrun commented on the Measure A Dashboard and requested staff to post the 2000 Measure A Report on the website as soon as possible.

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

There was no Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Chairperson's report.

5.3. Standing Committee Chairpersons' Report

Chairperson Chavez provided a report on the Governance and Audit Committee meeting of August 6, 2020.

5.4. Policy Advisory Board Chairpersons' Report

Chairperson Chavez noted that the written State Route (SR) 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board June 15, 2020 and July 13, 2020 Chairperson's Reports were included in the online agenda packet. Board Member McAlister provided clarification.

Chairperson Chavez noted that the written Eastridge to BART Regional Connector (EBRC) Policy Advisory Board June 17, 2020 Chairperson's Report was included in the online agenda packet.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Certain Board Members noted recusal on the following items due to conflict of interest related to California Government Code Section 84308 on campaign contributions:

- Board Member Cortese on **Agenda Items #6.5 and #6.6**
- Board Member Diep on **Agenda Items #6.6 and #7.4**
- Board Member Liccardo noted his recusal to vote on **Agenda Items #6.5**, **#6.6** and **#7.4**
- Chairperson Chavez noted her recusal to vote on Agenda Item #7.4

Public Comment

Mr. Lebrun referenced Agenda Item #6.1. and expressed opposition to the appointment of Jason Baker to serve on the 2016 Measure B Citizens' Oversight Committee due to his affiliation with special interest groups. He noted Members of the Board are recusing themselves from voting due to campaign contributions and suggested the practice needs to stop.

Mr. Bradley also expressed opposition to the appointment of Jason Baker to the 2016 Measure B Citizens' Oversight Committee.

Mr. Beekman commented on the approval of committee meeting minutes.

Ms. Woodmansee commented on the importance of the appointment to the 2016 Measure B Citizens' Oversight Committee.

Ex-Officio Member Jeannie Bruins noted the structure of the 2016 Measure B Citizens' Oversight Committee has eight voting members who are determined by their various areas

of expertise. She stated Mr. Baker is being assigned to the slot of Regional Business Organization which is an appropriate fit. Ms. Bruins and staff discussed the remaining open slots on the 2016 Measure B Citizens' Oversight Committee.

Chairperson Chavez requested staff provide the 2016 Measure B Citizens' Oversight Committee application link process to the Board so they may forward the information to their connections.

GOVERNANCE & AUDIT (G&A) COMMITTEE

6.1 Appointment to the 2016 Measure B Citizens' Oversight Committee

M/S/C (Hendricks/Carr) to approve the appointment of Jason Baker to serve on the 2016 Measure B Citizens' Oversight Committee in the Regional Business Organization Representative position, per the recommendation of the Evaluation Subcommittee.

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6.2 Regular Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2020

M/S/C (Hendricks/Carr) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2020.

6.3 Regular Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2020

M/S/C (Hendricks/Carr) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2020.

6.4 Bus Operator Barriers

M/S/C (Hendricks/Carr) to authorize the General Manager to execute a Contract with New Flyer Parts in an amount not to exceed \$2,300,000 for the purpose of supplying Heavy Duty Operator Barriers for the forty-foot and thirty-foot buses in the VTA bus fleet.

6.5 <u>Biggs Cardosa Associates Professional Services Contract S17105 Amendment</u> for Additional Design Support During Construction

M/S/C (Hendricks/Carr) on a vote of 10 ayes to 2 recusals to authorize the General Manager to amend the engineering services contract (Contract S17105) with Biggs Cardosa Associates Inc. (BCA) in the amount of \$100,000 to perform additional design support during construction for the Montague Expressway Pedestrian Overcrossing project, resulting in a new total authorized contract amount of \$2,219,623. Board Members Cortese and Liccardo recused.

6.6 <u>Mathilda Avenue Improvements at SR 237 and US 101, VTA Contract S15089 – WMH Corporation – Amendment 6</u>

M/S/C (Hendricks/Carr) on a vote of 9 ayes to 3 recusals to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract amendment with WMH Corporation in the amount of \$80,000 resulting in a new total contract value of \$6,151,220 and extend the contract term to December 31, 2021 to provide additional design support during construction and to complete the final as-built plans for the Mathilda Avenue Improvements at SR 237 and US 101 project. Board Members Cortese, Diep and Liccardo recused.

6.7 <u>Means-based Tolling Pilot Program for Express Lanes</u>

M/S/C (**Hendricks/Carr**) to support Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority's (BAIFA) Means-based Tolling Pilot Program.

6.8 <u>Receive unapproved Minutes/Summary Reports from VTA Committees,</u> Joint Powers Boards (JPB), and Regional Commissions

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

7.4. <u>US 101/Zanker Road Interchange Project, VTA Contract S15220 – AECOM – Amendment 5</u>

M/S/C (Hendricks/Carr) on a vote of 9 ayes to 3 recusals to authorize the General Manager to execute Contract Amendment 5 with AECOM to complete Project Approval/Environmental Documentation (PA/ED) services for the US 101/Zanker Road Interchange Project in the amount of \$3,141,157 for a new total contract amount of \$5,106,059. Board Members Chavez, Diep and Liccardo recused.

RESULT: ADOPTED – Agenda Items #6.1-6.4 and 6.7-6.8

MOVER: Glenn Hendricks, Vice Chairperson

SECONDER: Larry Carr, Board Member

AYES: Carr, Carrasco, Chavez, Cortese Diep, Hendricks, Jones, Liccardo,

McAlister, Nuñez, Peralez, Rennie

NOES: None ABSENT: None

RESULT: ADOPTED – Agenda Items #6.5 MOVER: Glenn Hendricks, Vice Chairperson

SECONDER: Larry Carr, Board Member

AYES: Carr, Chavez, Cortese Diep, Hendricks, Jones, McAlister, Nuñez,

Peralez, Rennie

NOES: None

RECUSED: Cortese, Liccardo

ABSENT: None

RESULT: ADOPTED – Agenda Items #6.6 MOVER: Glenn Hendricks, Vice Chairperson

SECONDER: Larry Carr, Board Member

AYES: Carr, Carrasco, Chavez, Hendricks, Jones, McAlister, Nuñez, Peralez,

Rennie

NOES: None

RECUSED: Cortese, Diep, Liccardo

ABSENT: None

RESULT: ADOPTED – Agenda Items #7.4 MOVER: Glenn Hendricks, Vice Chairperson

SECONDER: Larry Carr, Board Member

AYES: Carr, Carrasco, Cortese Hendricks, Jones, McAlister, Nuñez, Peralez,

Rennie

NOES: None

RECUSAL: Chavez, Diep, Liccardo

ABSENT: None

7. REGULAR AGENDA

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7.1. Silicon Valley Rapid Transit (SVRT) Program Update

Takis Salpeas, Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Silicon Valley Extension Project Chief, provided a presentation entitled "VTA's BART Silicon Valley Program."

Public Comment

Mr. Lebrun commented on the following: 1) BART Berryessa Extension low ridership; 2) new Phase II cost estimates; 3) information provided by staff on the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) Notification of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is misleading; and 4) expressed support that FTA oversight will be provided for the Phase II application process.

Mr. Bradley expressed support for Mr. Lebrun's comments.

Ms. Woodmansee expressed concern with the planned BART Phase II project.

Mr. Beekman expressed concern with eavesdropping technology being used at the North San Jose BART Berryessa Station.

Ms. Dupree expressed support for BART Phase I and encouraged staff to get started on BART Phase II.

Members of the Board and staff discussed the following: 1) further discussion of possible options and pricing for a south entrance for the Santa Clara Station; 2) timeline and cost profile for construction; 3) pedestrian underground crossing; 4) expressed concern that bus service on Santa Clara Street will be slowed down with customers exiting the station and crossing the street.

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

7.2. Approval of the Caltrain Sales Tax Ballot Measure Under Senate Bill 797

Jim Lawson, Chief External Affairs Officer, provided the staff report. Mr. Lawson introduced Seamus Murphy, San Mateo County Transit District's Chief Communications Officer, who provided a presentation entitled "Caltrain 1/8th Cent Sales Tax Resolution."

Raj Srinath, Deputy General Manager/Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of member agency contributions to Caltrain.

Public Comment

The following Interested Citizens expressed support for the Caltrain 1/8th Cent Sales Tax Resolution:

- Carl Guardino
- Jason Baker
- Scott Mace
- Joe Kunzler
- Ms. Dupree
- Ms. Levin
- Ms. Truong
- Ms. Mallon
- Mr. Lebrun
- Kathryn Hedges
- Ms. Woodmansee
- Robert Allen
- Matthew Quevedo

Members of the Board commented on the following: 1) expressed support for the Caltrain 1/8th cent sales tax resolution; 2) thanked colleagues for all their effort to get to this point; and 3) offered a reminder about all the work ahead to get voters to pass the measure.

M/S/C (Liccardo/Hendricks) to adopt Resolution No. 2020.08.28 authorizing the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to grant authority to the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB) to place a 1/8-cent retail transactions and use tax on the November 3, 2020 ballot in San Mateo, Santa Clara and San Francisco Counties.

RESULT: APPROVED – Agenda Item #7.2 MOVER: Sam Liccardo, Board Member SECONDER: Glenn Hendricks, Vice Chairperson

AYES: Carr, Carrasco, Chavez, Cortese, Diep, Hendricks, Jones,

Liccardo, McAlister, Nuñez, Peralez, Rennie

NOES: None ABSENT: None

7.3. BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension Project: Right of Way Delegation of Authority

Ron Golem, Director Real Estate & Transit Oriented Development (TOD), provided a brief report.

Public Comment

Ms. Woodmansee expressed concern about VTA and BART working together.

Board Member Rennie thanked staff for their effort in making the process more efficient.

M/S/C (Hendricks/Rennie) to authorize the General Manager to:

- 1) Execute all documents required for VTA's acquisition (or possession and use) of the requisite right-of-way for the BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension Project ("Project"), where:
 - (a) the purchase price equals the statutory offer of just compensation established for the property and the purchase price exceeds the authority of the General Manager under Section 5-3 of the Administrative Code; or
 - (b) the purchase price is within 15% above the statutory offer of just compensation established for the property; and
- 2) Execute all documents necessary to convey or assign easement rights or fee title, as applicable, to:

- (a) utility providers for replacement rights, along with requisite access rights related to utility relocations; and
- (b) public agencies for the operation and maintenance of public infrastructure.
- 3) Enter into settlement agreements with businesses that have established entitlement to claim loss of business goodwill under the Eminent Domain Law and where the settlement for such loss of business goodwill is within 15% of the valuation opinion of VTA's business appraiser.

RESULT: APPROVED – Agenda Item #7.3 MOVER: Glenn Hendricks, Vice Chairperson

SECONDER: Rob Rennie, Board Member

AYES: Carr, Carrasco, Chavez, Diep, Hendricks, Jones, Liccardo,

McAlister, Nuñez, Peralez, Rennie

NOES: None ABSENT: Cortese

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

Authorize the General Manager to execute Contract Amendment 5 with AECOM to complete Project Approval/Environmental Documentation (PA/ED) services for the US 101/Zanker Road Interchange Project in the amount of \$3,141,157 for a new total contract amount of \$5,106,059.

8. OTHER ITEMS

8.1. General Manager Report

Nuria I. Fernandez, General Manager/CEO, provided a report, highlighting the following: 1) American with Disabilities Act (ADA) 30th anniversary; 2) COVID-19 Update; 3) Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Blue Ribbon Task Force; 4) VTA Mineta Transportation Graduates; 5) Montague Pedestrian Overcrossing; and 6) Racial Equity.

Jay Tyree, Transportation Planning Manager, provided a brief update on the development of the 2021 Transit Service Plan.

Jaye Bailey, Chief Employee Relations Officer; Melissa Cerezo, Senior Transportation Planner; and Walter Hale, Bus Operator and Director of Joint Workforce Initiative (JWI), provided a presentation entitled "Racial Equity at VTA."

Chairperson Chavez thanked VTA front line employees for their sacrifice and hard work during the COVD-19 crisis. She also thanked the General Manager for her leadership and earnest efforts to keep employees safe during COVID-19.

Public Comment

Mr. Bradley commented on the following: 1) thanked the General Manager for her letter to MTC requesting they change the formula for distributing CARES Phase II funding; and 2) pension liabilities.

Ms. Woodmansee commented on the following: 1) encouraged the continued implementation of telecommuting; and 2) bicycle and pedestrian modes should be encouraged as the preferred method of transportation.

Mr. Beekman commented on accountability for broadband technology.

Ms. Dupree expressed support for the presentation.

Board Member Cortese noted that he had some technical difficulties for a time and wanted to record his yes vote for **Agenda Item #7.2.**, Approval of the Caltrain Sales Tax Ballot Measure Under Senate Bill 797.

Board Member Nuñez commented on the following: 1) the Milpitas Pedestrian Bridge is exceptionally well done and visually appealing; and 2) applaud staff on the racial equity program.

8.2. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Chavez reported if anyone from the South Bay has an interest in serving on a committee dedicated to commute-free work to please contact her.

8.3. <u>ITEMS OF CONCERN AND REFERRAL TO ADMINISTRATION</u>

There were no Items of Concern and Referral to Administration.

8.4. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

9. CLOSED SESSION

9.1. (Removed from the Agenda.)

A. Conference with Real Property Negotiators [Government Code Section 54956.8]

Under Negotiation: Terms and conditions of Lease Option Agreement

10. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Chavez and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita McGraw, Board Assistant VTA Office of the Board Secretary