

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Friday, March 3, 2023

### MINUTES

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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The Workshop Meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's (VTA) Board of Directors (Board) was called to order by Chairperson Burt at 9:10 a.m. in Conference Room B-106, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), 3331 North First Street, San José, California, and via video and teleconference.

##### 1.1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Margaret Abe-Koga	Ex-Officio	Absent
Marie Blankley	Board Member	Present
Pat Burt	Chairperson	Present
Cindy Chavez	Vice Chairperson	Present
Dev Davis	Board Member	Present
Omar Din	Board Member	Present
Pam Foley	Board Member	Present
Sudhanshu "Suds" Jain	Board Member	Present
Sergio Jimenez	Board Member	Present
Rosemary Kamei	Alternate Board Member	Present
Otto Lee	Board Member	Present
Lynette Lee Eng	Alternate Board Member	Present
Sergio Lopez	Board Member	Present
Matt Mahan	Board Member	Absent
Carmen Montano	Alternate Board Member	Present
Rob Rennie	Alternate Board Member	Present
Omar Torres	Board Member	Present
Mark Turner	Alternate Board Member	Absent

A quorum was present.

#### 2. WORKSHOP ITEMS

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Vice Chairperson Chavez arrived at the meeting and took her seat at 9:24 a.m.

##### 2.1. 2016 Measure B Program Overview

Jane Shinn, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a presentation entitled 2016 Measure B Program Overview.

Discussion ensued about the nine program categories and the biennial budget including: 1) 10-year program document; 2) methodology for calculating percentages; 3) specific ballot language requiring a 3/4 vote to any amendments and/or changes related to the measure; 4) if VTA is trending on schedule; 5) equity and how it is being enforced; 6) overall program funding; 7) administrative costs; 8) shovel ready projects; 9) Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) funding cap; 10) Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loans; 11) the importance of addressing all the cities' needs; 12) federal and state funding; and 13) VTA being accountable to its voters.

Upon inquiry, Carolyn M. Gonot, VTA General Manager/CEO, noted the importance for project sponsors to identify other funding sources to supplement Measure B funding for their projects.

Ms. Shinn provided the Committee with more detail on how VTA provides program oversight. She noted her team does the following: 1) works closely with Greg Richardson, Assistant General Manager/Chief Financial Officer (CFO), to track 2016 Measure B revenues and expenditures; 2) works with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for feedback on program guidelines; and 3) reports to the 2016 Measure B Oversight Committee to ensure that funds are spent in accordance with the intent of the ballot.

Alternate Board Member Montano left the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

Members of the Board requested the following from staff: 1) to put VTA in a position to apply for state and/or federal funding should the opportunity arise; 2) to emphasize the BART to San Jose extension as a regional project not just for the City of San Jose; and 3) provide to the Board a presentation about the audit process.

### **Public Comment**

Eugene Bradley, Silicon Valley Transit Users, commented about the following: 1) if the projects that are approved are relieving traffic congestion; and 2) who is responsible for the cost overruns related to BART Phase I.

**On order of Chairperson Burt** and there being no objection, the Board received an overview of the 2016 Measure B Program

## **2.2 Overview of Transit Service Planning Coming Out of the Pandemic**

Jay Tyree, Transportation Planning Manager, provided a presentation entitled "Positioning VTA's Transit Network for Growth Coming Out of the Pandemic."

Members of the Board expressed appreciation to staff for the presentation and discussed the following: 1) VTA's financial ability, outreach efforts, and efforts to recruit operators; 2) what future service changes will look like; 3) farebox recovery; 4) ridership post pandemic; 5) VTA Alerts; 6) ways to increase ridership; 7) public/private partnerships; and 8) VTA's funding for operations

Upon inquiry of a Member of the Board, Ms. Gonot reported that she would like to take a deeper dive into all VTA's investments. Ms. Gonot commended VTA staff for the campaign effort related to operator hiring.

Members of the Board offered the following comments: 1) expressed concern that South County does not have the same level of transit service neighboring cities have; 2) VTA needs to account for investments made to other transit agencies; and how VTA can quantify those investments; 3) challenges associated with limited transit service, which impacts how students travel from home to school and vice versa; and 4) concerns that riders are not familiar about the transit service app.

Alternate Board Member Rennie left his seat at 11:13 a.m.

Deborah Dagang, Chief Planning and Program Officer, and Mr. Tyree noted the following: 1) the presentation is specific to what VTA service provides; 2) Board Members could find more detail about routes and stops on VTA's website; and 3) the type of data available to help show where frequent network is needed.

Alternate Board Member Rennie returned to his seat at 11:28 a.m.

Alternate Board Member Kamei left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Board Member Lopez left the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Bradley commented about the following: 1) commended VTA staff for post-pandemic ridership; and 2) how to guide people to use public transit.

Ryan Globus, VTA Citizens Advisory Committee Member, commented about light rail service levels and increasing frequency.

Board Members Chavez and Torres left the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

**On order of Chairperson Burt** and there being no objection, the Board received a report on VTA's post-pandemic transit service.

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## **3. OTHER ITEMS**

### **3.1. Announcements**

Chairperson Burt thanked the Board for the valuable discussion they had with staff.

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

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**On order of Chairperson Burt** and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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VTA Office of the Board Secretary