

County of Santa Clara
 Comprehensive County Expressway Planning Study
 Policy Advisory Board



County Government Center – 70 West Hedding Street, 1st floor
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DATE: August 29, 2016, Regular Meeting
TIME: 4:30 PM
PLACE: Board of Supervisors' Chambers

MINUTES

Opening

1. Roll Call.

Chairperson Wasserman called the meeting to order at 4:31 a.m. A quorum was present.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Mike Wasserman	Board of Supervisors, Seat No. 1, Chairperson	Present	
S. Joseph Simitian	Board of Supervisors, Seat No. 2	Present	
Dominic Caserta	City of Santa Clara, Seat No. 3	Absent	
Johnny Khamis	Valley Transportation Authority, Seat No. 4	Present	
Jason Baker	City of Campbell, Seat No. 5	Absent	
Liz Gibbons	City of Campbell, Seat No. 5, Alternate	Absent	
Savita Vaidhyanatha	City of Cupertino, Seat No. 6	Present	
Daniel Harney	City of Gilroy, Seat No. 7	Present	
Megan Satterlee	City of Los Altos, Seat No. 8	Present	
John Harpootlian	Town of Los Altos Hills, Seat No. 9	Present	
Marsha Grilli	City of Milpitas, Seat No. 10	Present	
Gordon Siebert	City of Morgan Hill, Seat No. 11	Absent	
Chris Clark	City of Mountain View, Seat No. 12	Late	4:41 PM
Greg Scharff	City of Palo Alto, Seat No. 13	Absent	
Charles "Chappie" Jones	City of San Jose, Seat No. 14	Present	
Teresa O'Neill	Valley Transportation Authority, Seat No. 15	Present	
Emily Lo	City of Saratoga, Seat No. 16	Present	
Jim Davis	City of Sunnyvale, Seat No. 17, Vice Chairperson	Present	
Walter Huff	City of Monte Sereno, Seat No. 19, Alternate	Absent	
Evert Wolsheimer	City of Monte Sereno, Seat No. 19	Absent	
Lee Taubeneck	Roads Commission, Seat No. 20, (non-voting member)	Absent	
Steven Levin	Roads Commission, Seat No. 21, (non-voting member)	Present	

2. Public Comment.

No public comments were received.

3. Approve consent calendar and changes to the Commission's Agenda.

A correction was noted for Item No. 8.

3 RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jim Davis, City of Sunnyvale, Seat No. 17, Vice Chairperson
SECONDER:	John Harpootlian, Town of Los Altos Hills, Seat No. 9
AYES:	Wasserman, Simitian, Khamis, Vaidhyanatha, Harney, Satterlee, Harpootlian, Grilli, Jones, O'Neill, Lo, Davis
ABSENT:	Caserta, Baker, Siebert, Clark, Scharff, Wolsheimer

Regular Agenda - Items for Discussion

4. Receive report from Roads and Airports Department relating to Expressway Plan 2040 Project Status Report. (ID# 82800)

Member Clark took his seat at 4:41 p.m.

Dawn Cameron, Transportation Planner, Roads and Airports Department (RAD), provided a presentation highlighting transportation project funding opportunities and challenges, including a project schedule and draft plan outline.

In response to an inquiry by Member Satterlee, Ms. Cameron clarified that Administration will provide additional information relating to possible amendments to Tier 1 Expressway Improvement Projects pending the results of the November 2016 Sales Tax Measure and a determination of the programs Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) implements for non-expressway programs.

A brief discussion ensued relating to the status of the Frazier-Beall Transportation Funding Package. Vice Chairperson Davis indicated that the proposal does not currently have the support required to pass the State Legislature.

4 RESULT:	RECEIVED
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5. Receive report from Roads and Airports Department relating to Expressway Operations and Maintenance Target Levels of Effort. (ID# 82801)

Michael Murdter, Director, RAD, provided a brief overview of expressway operations and maintenance levels, noting an annual operations and maintenance budget of approximately \$12 million compared to a \$30.6 million annual target level of funding, resulting in an annual shortfall to fully fund all operations and maintenance categories.

At the request of Member Vaidhyanatha, the Board reconsidered Item No. 5 out of order after Item No. 7.

In response to an inquiry by Member Vaidhyanatha, Ms. Cameron clarified an estimated total cost of up to \$7 million to fund landscape expenditures to raise the 62-mile expressway system to the Expressway Plan 2040 Community Connections landscaping standard, which is not included, nor recommended within the current budget.

5 RESULT: RECEIVED**6. Receive report from Roads and Airports Department relating to Expressway Plan Policy Framework. (ID# 82802)**

Ms. Cameron provided a presentation highlighting expressway system policies, planning, and land development, including mobility enhancements, operations and maintenance, and policy suggestions and revisions.

Chairperson Wasserman spoke of the importance of prioritizing intelligent traffic management systems to reduce traffic congestion within cities. Member Satterlee noted the priority of the expressway system to supplement the freeway system and relieve local streets of through traffic, and expressed concerns relating to conflicting priorities within the Expressway Plan Policy Framework, including parallel pedestrian and bicycle lane projects, and the policy suggestion to add tolls and taxes.

Member Simitian spoke of the VTA responsibility to act as the Countywide congestion management agency, spoke in opposition to the deletion of the phrase, "... relieves local streets of through traffic," from Policy Revision No. 1 as suggested by VTA, and suggested incorporating the phrase, "... serves intra-county mobility," within Policy Revision No. 1. Member Simitian expressed concerns relating to the VTA policy suggestion to implement taxes, tolls, and fees to fund transit activities, and suggested that Policy Revision No. 10 as suggested by VTA include bicycle, pedestrian, transit, and vehicle traffic as part of the same process.

Member O'Neill expressed support for additional transit options including the use of buses on expressways, and expressed concern with the proposed bicycle and pedestrian language in the policy framework.

Member Lo spoke in opposition to the deletion of the phrase, "... relieves local streets of through traffic," from Policy Revision No. 1 as suggested by VTA, and expressed support for additional transit options.

Member Harpootlian suggested the repeal of lane reductions in city streets upon implementation of expressway improvements, spoke of the importance of Enhancing Mobility Item No. 12 relating to bicycle safety, and spoke of the importance of consideration of policies to generate additional revenue.

Member Jones spoke in support of an optional toll tax to fund maintenance projects and spoke in opposition to the deletion of the phrase, "... relieves local streets of through traffic," from Policy Revision No. 1 as suggested by VTA; suggested incorporating the phrase, "... serves intra-county mobility," within Policy Revision No. 1; and, spoke of

the need to develop a strategy and policy to address additional transit options, including the use of buses on expressways.

Member Khamis left his seat at 5:30 p.m.

Member Levin clarified that the VTA Board of Directors retains authority to implement greater use of buses on expressways and suggested that the Policy Advisory Board advocate for VTA to increase the use of buses on expressways.

Member Vaidhyanatha spoke in opposition to the deletion of the phrase, "... relieves local streets of through traffic," from Policy Revision No. 1 as suggested by VTA, and spoke in opposition to the imposition of an expressway toll.

Member Simitian stated that he does not support adding proposed policy language to consider bus-only lanes and signal priority within Policy Revision No. 10 as suggested by VTA.

Member Harpootlian requested that Administration provide an update on date uncertain relating to bicycle safety efforts on Page Mill Road.

Ms. Cameron indicated that Administration will compile feedback from the Policy Advisory Board and present options for consideration at the next meeting, and advised individual Board members to contact her with any questions or concerns.

6 RESULT: RECEIVED

7. Receive report from Roads and Airports Department relating to Tier 1 Projects Implementation Strategy. (ID# 82803)

Ms. Cameron provided a presentation highlighting Proposed Tier 1 Improvement Projects, affecting factors, and project delivery, including a preferred timeline, scheduling criteria, and next steps.

Member Simitian suggested further discussion relating to the possibility of advancing County funding as a loan against future Transportation Measure proceeds prior to consideration of private financing to achieve a more aggressive timeline.

Member Satterlee spoke in support of a 20-year preferred program delivery timeline.

7 RESULT: RECEIVED

Consent Calendar

8. Approve minutes of the August 31, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Member Levin noted a correction to Item No. 4 of the August 31, 2015 minutes, requesting removal of the words "do not" from his statement on Page No. 4, noting that the text should read, "He stated that a small percentage of people who live near transit stations utilize transit..."

8 RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
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SECONDER: John Harpootlian, Town of Los Altos Hills, Seat No. 9
AYES: Wasserman, Simitian, Khamis, Vaidhyanatha, Harney, Satterlee,
Harpootlian, Grilli, Jones, O'Neill, Lo, Davis
ABSENT: Caserta, Baker, Siebert, Clark, Scharff, Wolsheimer

9. Approve revised Comprehensive County Expressway Planning Study Policy Advisory Board Revised meeting schedule. (ID# 82884)

9 RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
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Adjourn

10. Adjourn to the next regular meeting on Monday, January 16, 2017, at 4:30 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, County Government Center, 70 W. Hedding Street, San Jose, California.

Chairperson Wasserman adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colin Kutch

Deputy Clerk of the Board