



CITY COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION & LAND USE SUBCOMMITTEE Unapproved Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Tuesday, February 22, 2011

Where: Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room

Attendants: Council Member Gomez, Chair
Council Member Polanski

Quorum was established

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Public Forum *Please limit comments to 3 minutes*

There were no comments during Public Forum

3. Approval of Agenda

The Subcommittee approved the agenda.

4. Announcements

There were no announcements.

5. Transportation Priorities for the Valley Transportation Plan 2040

Staff James Lindsay and Greg Armendariz presented this update. Mr. Lindsay referred to the attached memo a submission to the Valley Transportation Authority projects proposed to the Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2040 program. With the recent passage of SB 375 and AB 32, the goals of the legislature are to combine the Regional Transportation Plan processes handled by the MTC and ABAG with housing needs and allocation of this. Staff highlighted the seven projects recommended for the VTP and also the previous projects in the previous VTP. Recommended projects will then be reviewed by the City Council and submitted to the VTA.

Council Member Gomez what projects is not included in this round. Mr. Lindsay stated the biggest project not moving forward in this cycle is the Montague Expressway/Great Mall-Capitol Grade Separation. This urban interchange, after further study, was determined the feasibility and cost benefit was not there for this improvement. Mr. Armendariz added staff didn't sense interest by the County [Roads and Airport] and preferred improvements west of I-880.

Council Member Polanski asked what the feasibility of these projects being complete especially with the state budget. Mr. Armendariz stated the grant opportunities are more likely in the transportation arena. He feels there are higher possibilities for these projects, particularly those that involve mixed use, transit, and bicycle-pedestrian improvements. He highlighted a new project to include on Milpitas Boulevard which leads into the future BART station and includes bicycle lane installation.

Council Member Gomez asked about the Berryessa Creek Trail project and questioned if the project is feasible as he has walked the trail and the number of agencies involved. Mr. Armendariz stated this project is at 60% design by the [Santa Clara Valley] Water District. The Water District is looking for local support for trail usage and installation. The City's ability to show the Water District we added this to this list, they would in turn, can provide possible matching funds.

The Subcommittee recommended moving this project forward to the City Council.

6. BART Project Update

Staff Greg Armendariz gave an update. Mr. Armendariz stated this project is recommended by the President for recommended budgeting this coming year: \$130 million initial funding earmark, for a total of \$900 million. The entire project is \$2.4 billion.

In the meantime, the VTA moved forward and completed environmental studies and underway with design-build process. The VTA is in the request for proposal (RFP) process to hire a contractor for construction of the project. The RFP will be issued late March/early April and anticipated construction this year. Staff is working closely with the VTA on this process.

There is currently utility work being done to relocate Santa Clara Valley Water District, PG&E gas lines near Piper Drive. In addition, Chevron, who relocates their own pipes, has scheduled relocation next Spring.

VTA is relocating tracks they purchased from Union Pacific to the west to construct the BART line on the east. This will begin the weekend of February 25th, which will result in a full road closure in the Dixon Landing Road/Milmont Drive area. VTA staff installed changeable message signs in the area to warn motorists, as well as reached out to the residents and businesses directly affected by the area. Motorists will be detoured to Kato Road in Fremont.

Mr. Armendariz reminded the Subcommittee of the Master Agreement between the City and the VTA that requires the VTA and the contractor require an encroachment permit each from the City.

Mr. Lindsay added the VTA hired right of way consultants for their acquisition program, specifically in and around the BART station area. Tenants and property owners have been notified of the timing and what it means to their business. Staff is looking for opportunities for businesses to stay in Milpitas. City Manager Tom Williams stated his understanding is land would be acquired through eminent domain proceedings. He added that the City will not participate in eminent domain. Council Member Gomez asked which properties are affected. Mr. Lindsay stated south of Montague, specifically the storage business, Mr. Herzstein and Mr. Kunde's property. Council Member Gomez asked what the affect is on the Crossings Residents. Mr. Lindsay stated there is no direct affect on the Crossings residents, but some utility relocation work.

Council Member Gomez asked how the shopping center at Milmont would be affected by the temporary closure and about notification. Mr. Armendariz stated with the BART alignment in a retained cut, and Dixon Landing Road at grade, the shopping center will not be affected. The proposed Dixon Landing Road under BART alignment option affected the shopping center. This option is not the preferred option for the City and the VTA will continue with the BART retained cut option. Mr. Armendariz stated the California Public

Utilities Commission (CPUC) is still in review of the BART retained cut alignment option and staff is working with CPUC staff for approval.

Mr. Williams added the freight line will remain at grade, however freight activity is minimal.

The Subcommittee requested a BART Update to the City Council.

7. Feasibility of Future Grocery Stores

Mr. Lindsay distributed a map of grocery stores within the City. Council Member Gomez inquired about this item, with concern of talks of grocery stores and at what point does the City have to worry about oversaturation. Mr. Lindsay stated a specific study done in the Walmart Expansion project Environmental Impact Report on physical deterioration as a result of too much of one land use category. This is a tool that staff can use in a market area or geographically.

Council Member Gomez asked if there was a grocery store in the Town Center area, what would be the process. Mr. Lindsay stated a Conditional Use Permit as approved by the Planning Commission. If the project were to be appealed, then the City Council would review this project. Mr. Williams stated staff met with Safeway and there would be a pursuit of an appeal if a project were to be approved in the Town Center. Mr. Williams stated that the recommended area is a shift to the south area of the City near the Transit Area.

Council Member Polanski asked if there have been any discussions with Trader Joe's, Whole Foods, Sprouts, Fresh and Easy, etc. Mr. Williams stated staff continues to reach out to these businesses. He stated once there are more homes built in the area, the demand for a grocery store will be higher.

Council Member Gomez asked about the ethnic markets (niche markets) drawing from Trader Joe's and Whole Foods. Staff Diana Barnhart stated in her past experience, there was analysis once a Whole Foods came to the City she worked at, creating a cannibalism of larger grocery stores, but ethnic markets were not effected.

8. Establish Schedule of Meeting Times

The Subcommittee agreed to meet the 4th Tuesday of the Month at 6:00 pm, Bi-Monthly.

9. Other Business

Council Member Polanski requested the City owned land, north of the Library, to be discussed in future meetings.

Council Member Gomez commended staff for the installation of the enhanced crosswalk on Calaveras Boulevard near the Sports Center and the Clean and Safe Street Program.

10. Adjourn

The Subcommittee was adjourned at 6:30 pm.