



BUILDING BETTER TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Executive Summary
December 4, 2006

PRESENT: Vice Chair Dave Cortese, Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte,
Councilmember Forrest Williams

ABSENT: Chair Nora Campos excused absence

STAFF: Bill Hughes, Bill Ekern, Ed Shikada, Jim Helmer, Ben Tripousis, Jim Ortbal,
Hans Larsen, Bob Lockhardt, Dennis Korabiak

GUESTS: Dan Fenton, Executive Director, Convention and Visitors Bureau

The meeting convened at 1:35 PM

Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte started the meeting by stating that the request for item 3 to be heard first was granted.

1. Update on Transportation Infrastructure Maintenance Needs Master Plan

Department of Transportation staff presented the status report on the Transportation Maintenance Master Plan (TMMP) which included an update on the recent statewide Transportation initiatives. The goal of the TMMP is to address the current and projected transportation infrastructure needs in the City of San Jose, to obtain community input related to transportation and maintenance priorities and to identify funding alternatives and a strategy for obtaining those funds. Both Proposition 1A and 1B were approved by the voters on the November 2006 ballot. These two propositions will develop new funding sources for state supported transportation infrastructure and preserve existing transportation funding sources provided by Proposition 42. Upon the motion of Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte and seconded by Councilmember Forrest Williams the Committee voted to accept the report.

2. Progress Report on BART to Silicon Valley Project

Department of Transportation staff presented the status report on BART extension to San Jose/Silicon Valley. The project scope, cost and funding and project schedule were highlighted. The design for the BART project is currently 35% complete and includes preliminary engineering design work for the BART alignment, station facilities, maintenance yard, utility relocation, and land acquisition. The next project milestone, referred to as 65% design, will address more specific details related to BART facilities. The development of the BART project is being closely coordinated between the City and the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA). Department of Transportation staff proposed to do a full presentation to the City Council on the BART project at the January 23, 2007 Council meeting. Upon the motion of Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte and seconded by Councilmember Forrest Williams the Committee voted to accept the report and also approved the presentation to City Council.

3. Final Report on Taxi Program

Department of Transportation and Airport staff presented the status report on the Taxicab Service Model and recommended to City Council that Taxi San Jose's proposal that the second year cost increase to the On-Demand Dispatch Service Contract not occur. The first year of the new Taxicab Service Model has provided successes and challenges. The Model has resulted in administrative, financial and organizational changes at the Airport and in the taxicab industry. Team San Jose continue to meet with the Airport's Landside Operations Division and City of San Jose Department of Transportation staff to address operational issues, service incidents and complaints. Staff will provide additional evaluation of the progress of service improvements committed to by Team San Jose in the Spring of 2007. Several representatives from Taxicab companies provided input on the program. They wanted to thank the City of San Jose for implementing the new system and feel that it is working. The meetings that they have had with Team San Jose has been beneficial. Taxicab drivers would like to suggest that they have more freedom and too many rules and regulations may prove to cause problems. Upon the motion of Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte and seconded by Councilmember Forrest Williams the Committee voted to accept the report and voted to take the recommendation from staff in regards to the On-Demand Dispatch Service Contract for Taxi San Jose to the full council on January 23, 2007.

4. Oral Petitions

There were no oral petitions

5. Adjournment

Vice Chair Dave Cortese adjourned the meeting by thanking Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte for her 8 years on the Building Better Transportation Committee.

The Committee was adjourned 3:24 PM



Councilmember Dave Cortese, Vice Chair
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