



## **BUILDING BETTER TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Executive Summary  
June 5, 2006

- PRESENT:** Chair Nora Campos, Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte, Councilmember Forrest Williams
- ABSENT:** Councilmember Dave Cortese
- STAFF:** Jim Webb, Ed Shikada, Bill Hughes, Bill Ekern, Jim Helmer, Ben Tripousis, Jim Ortbal, Hans Larson, Rick Stanton, Bob Lockhart, Amit Kothari, Lieutenant Jeff Smith, Captain Carlos Miranda
- GUESTS:** Dan McElhinney, Chief Deputy District Director, Caltrans; Bob Salazar, Regional Manager for Maintenance, Caltrans; Gene Gonzalo, Caltrans; Nick Soley, Caltrans; John Sighamy, Valley Transportation Authority

The meeting convened at 1:34 p.m.

Chair Campos began the meeting by stating the request for item B1 to be heard first was granted. Chair Campos also stated item D2 will be heard second and item D1 will be heard third. The remainder items to be heard as listed on the agenda.

### **A. Expansion and Improvement of Transit and Transportation Systems**

#### **1. Progress Report on BART to Silicon Valley Project**

**The Report provided a status update on the preliminary engineering phase of the project as well as the State and Federal Environmental Clearances and Funding. Upon the motion of Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte, and seconded by Councilmember Forrest Williams, the Committee accepted the Status Report on BART extension to San Jose/Silicon Valley with one member absent.**

2. Recommendation on Preferred Alternative for Santa Clara/ Alum Rock Transit Corridor

**The three main items that VTA staff are focusing on relate to the projects existing conditions, the development of an enhanced outreach plan and the evaluation of a shorter single car light rail alignment concept. Upon the motion of Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte, and seconded by Councilmember Forrest Williams, the Committee accepted the Status Report on Santa Clara/Alum Rock Transit Corridor project.**

**B. Traffic Relief/ Safe Streets**

1. Caltrans Director's Report

**The Director's report highlighted Governor Schwarzenegger's Strategic Growth Plan, project delivery, system operations and maintenance issues. Upon motion of Councilmember Forrest Williams, and seconded by Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte, the Committee accepted the semi-annual report.**

2. Update on Automated Red Light Photo Enforcement Systems

**Staff from the Police and Transportation Departments evaluated the State Laws, Pros and Cons in regards to the Red Light Photo Enforcement Systems, and recommended evaluating the effectiveness of existing red light running indicators in Spring 2007. Upon the motion of Councilmember Forrest Williams, and seconded by Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte, the Committee accepted the informational report on Automated Red Light Photo Enforcement Systems.**

**C. Supporting Smart Growth**

1. No items

**D. Regional Relationships/ Funding/ Policy**

1. Status Report on Taxi Program

**The presentation included Airport and Taxi San Jose activities , Clean Fuel Vehicles Goals and Incentives, Customer Service Training for Taxi Cab owners and drivers and Taxicab Rate Adjustment Methodology. The Taxi Advisory Team Workplan was also presented. Upon the motion of Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte, and seconded by Councilmember Forrest Williams, the Committee accepted the Taxicab Service Model Status Report and recommended approval by the City Council of the Methodology for Taxicab Rate Adjustments.**

2. Update Report on Regional and Local Litter Reduction Programs

**Upon the motion of Councilmember Forrest Williams, and seconded by Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte, the Committee accepted the status report on regional and local litter reduction pilot programs on local freeways. Regional Litter Reduction Programs focused on Caltran's efforts to maintain the appearance of local freeways and improve the overall aesthetics of state-maintained roadways within Santa Clara County.**

**E. Oral Petitions**

**Bill Chew reiterated his Candidacy for District 3 City Council**

**F. Adjournment**

**The Committee was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.**



Councilmember Nora Campos, Chair  
Building Better Transportation Committee