GENERAL PURPOSE MEETING

Monday, November 21, 2011
6:00 p.m.

Council members: Cheryl Miraglia - Chair, Marc Crawford - Vice Chair, Dean Nielsen
Dave Sadoff, Sheila Cunha, John Ryzanych, Matt Turner

Location: Castro Valley Library – 3600 Norbridge Avenue, Castro Valley, CA 94646

Summary Action Minutes

I. Approval of Minutes - October 17, 2011

A motion was made by Sheila Cunha that the minutes of October 17, 2011 be accepted as submitted, seconded by John Ryzanych. Motion passed 4/0 1 abstention – Dave Sadoff

II. Reauthorization of Measure B

Art Dao, Executive Director, Alameda County Transportation Commission presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed reauthorization of Measure B. In addition, the Council was given a preliminary draft Expenditure Plan Investment report.

Mr. Dao reported that in July 2010 the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) and the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency merged to become the Alameda County Transportation Commission for efficiency.

The ACTC has developed a Transportation Expenditure Plan to improve mass transit and improve highways as well as other projects, if voters approve the reauthorization of Measure B in November 2012.

Questions/Discussion

Dave Sadoff: The biggest disparity between county population share and share of funding is in the central County which is where Castro Valley exists, why?

Art Dao: Central and South County – many of the projects in the central and southern part of the county are considered committed with other funds. In addition, many of the central and south projects will be funded in the multi area discretionary funds.

Dave Sadoff: Where is BART to Livermore captured in the funding?

Art Dao: BART to Livermore is in the east area funding.

Marc Crawford: Thirty-four percent (34%) of dollars are being spent on transit and only ten percent (10%) of people are utilizing it. It seems more money should be spent on roads.

Art Dao: There is no more capacity for building freeways; we can no longer add lanes; the investment in freeways and highways is making them more efficient instead of building capacity; for example making more HOV lanes. Transit should be safer and more efficient; for example, clean and safe bus stops and shelters; busses that are running every 10-15 minutes.
III. Update on Traffic Circulation Plan for Castro Valley

Art Carrera, Principal Civil Engineer, Public Works Agency, reported that the Agency has selected a consultant to conduct a traffic circulation study for the Castro Valley area. The purpose of the study is to collect new traffic data and provide updated traffic forecasts through 2035.

III. Update on Traffic Circulation Plan for Castro Valley (continued)

The study focus will be on the intersections of Norbridge, Strobridge, Stanton Avenue and Redwood Road, the Castro Valley Interchange project and the Redwood Road and Grove Way Construction Project analysis.

In addition, the consultants will study if crosswalks should be added to and from the BART Station. The study will include the Gary drive closure and how that has affected traffic. It will also compare the previous traffic study and analyze the need for possible changes. The consultant will begin work in late January or early February and will take approximately three to four months for completion.

Questions/Discussion

Marc Crawford: Is the completion of Burger Island contingent upon getting this study completed?
Art Carrera: The preference is to have Burger Island completed.

Marc Crawford: After the completion of the study, at what point would physical changes be possible?
Art Carrera: The Agency is working with CalTrans on the right-of-way acquisition at this time.

Dave Sadoff: Is funding available for the Burger Island alterations?
Art Carrera: There is about $5 million dollars available to make the alterations to Burger Island.

IV. Code Enforcement Update for Castro Valley

Tona Henninger, Code Enforcement Officer, gave an overview of code enforcement activities around Castro Valley.

- Staffing update: Investigator for Castro Valley is out and has been out for 14 months. Three (3) are now covering Castro Valley; another staff has been out; brought in an intern for one (1) year to assist with cases entered and updated.
- Commercial corridor area: pursuing cases regarding graffiti, blight, garbage, weeds, debris.
- Not going after signage, banners, at this time; waiting until construction is completed; there have been twenty-nine (29) cases in the corridor, graffiti has been exceptionally bad.
- Residential areas: graffiti abatement through redevelopment is working well.
- Problems with overgrown vegetation and fallen trees, lots of debris; roadway dumping.
- Moving garage on Krolop Road: Spoke to property owner last week it is not completed and he will not be able to move forward until April. The owner has been fined and owes about $8500 dollars. If nothing has been done in the next couple of weeks, the agency will resume fines on property owner.
- Adobe Center was dilapidated with landscaping issues; owners have since painted and added landscaping, graffiti and debris.
- Mortuary on Lake Chabot: demolition is completed.

Questions/Discussion

Marc Crawford: Is there any timeline associated with the Silva garage? And if not, what does that mean?

Tona Henninger: There was no discussion about length of time; after the BOS decision there is a 30 day wait. In this case they require building permit, once the building permit is obtained the permit timeline is in effect and not an enforcement timeline. Code Enforcement will wait to see how it progresses and are working with Public Works to discuss the issue of enforcement. The enforcement timeline is sixty (60) days. More discussion needs to take place; it may be a policy issue or a may require an amendment to an ordinance. Ms. Henninger will follow up after more discussion with the Public Works Agency.
Marc Crawford: Regarding the AT&T junction boxes with graffiti; is there a different process for the public right of way? The graffiti has been there for over two months.

Questions/Discussion (continued)

Tona Henninger: Because of the public right-of-way issue, this was referred to the Public Works Agency. Code Enforcement will follow up.

Matt Turner: The graffiti problem is exceptionally bad on Grove Way.

Tona Henninger: Code Enforcement will walk Grove Way and follow up with maintenance and operations about the graffiti problem on Grove Way.

V. Draft Alameda County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

Paul Keener, Senior Transportation Public Works Agency presented a PowerPoint presentation of the County’s draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

The Plan includes: Goals and Policies, Bicycle Network, Pedestrian Network Safety and Education and Implementation.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan will go to several community meetings, including some of the schools and bicycle clubs for public input, including media outlets such as the Castro Valley Patch and the Castro Valley Forum. Once all comments have been received the plan will go to the Board of Supervisors for adoption.

Questions/Discussion

Matt Turner: Great Work.

Dave Sadoff: Great job, a step in the right direction. Applaud the agency for their work.

John Ryzanych: Encourage as much recreational biking as possible. The plan offers a business opportunity to bring people to the area for recreational biking; more bike attractive area can be a benefit.

Requirements for new construction to include changing rooms and showers: It would be more appropriate for businesses to decide if that would be good for them as opposed to a requirement. Suggests changing the language to "encourage changing rooms and showers" and not make it a requirement.

Cheryl Miraglia (comments read into the record): 1) Table 1.2 does not include the Five Canyons Park; 2) the Park n Ride on Grove Way has bicycle racks, can racks be installed at the John Drive area? 3) Pedestrian projects: concerned about crosswalks to and from the BART station; 4) Implementation: What criteria is used to prioritize projects and funding?

Marc Crawford: Requirement for developers: in the Climate Action Plan (CAP) this requirements for developers were limited to projects over a certain size; can this plan coincide with the recommendations in the CAP? Maximize use of public and private resources: development fees; is that a bicycle impact fee for new development? Development impact fees are now approximately double the amount of land costs. Appendix D-2 – pedestrian projects lists safe routes to schools with low to medium priority. Schools should be listed as a higher priority compared to some other projects. However, the plan is very well put together there is a lot of good work in the plan.

Paul Keener: There is language for bicycle impact fee, however this is a draft and that language can be reviewed. The priorities will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Schools are a high priority in the plan.

John Ryzanych: In the Goals section, pedestrian scale lighting; is it different from regular lighting?

Paul Keener: There is a certain scale for pedestrian paths, the goal is to improve lighting for evening walking.
PUBLIC COMMENT

**Brian Morrison:** Opposed to bicyclists in rural lands in Castro Valley; Bicyclists do not obey the laws and the sheriff’s office does not enforce laws for bicyclists; would like to see a bicycle registration fee to defray costs of implementation.

**Ann Krysiak:** Regarding the Measure B Reauthorization, in the slide titled “October Results” it shows 79% support for the plan. Ms. Krysiak attended the October meeting of ACTIA and was not told that the reauthorization asked for an additional ½ cent tax and to make the tax permanent. Had she been aware of this information, she would not have supported it. The 79% support may be overstated in her opinion.

**Matt Turner:** On the boulevard, there is an unusual sidewalk design that could cause a leaf clutter problem, an additional sidewalk design of this nature is on Redwood Road, that is covered with mud and leaves and there is no maintenance in that area.

**Marc Crawford:** Suggested that Councilmember Turner take a photo of the problem and contact Bill Lepere, Deputy Director of Public Works.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned to January 30, 2012.