

**Council Meeting: July 15, 2008****SUBJECT: Appointment to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee****REPORT IN BRIEF**

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) requests that cities appoint members to its Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). The VTA is a regional transportation agency responsible for major transportation capital improvements, transit service, and state, federal, and regional funding allocations in Santa Clara County. The VTA BPAC is a 16-member committee that advises VTA's Board of Directors on planning and funding issues for bicycle and pedestrian projects. Sunnyvale has been asked to renew its appointment to the VTA BPAC. The appointee will serve a two-year term, beginning in July, 2008 and ending in June, 2010, although members may remain seated until the local jurisdiction makes a new appointment. The VTA has asked that the appointee not be a Councilmember or a staff member, and that the appointee preferably be a member of the City Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Mr. David Simons has served as Sunnyvale's representative to the VTA BPAC since October 1998 and is a member in good standing. Mr. Simons is not subject to the City BPAC membership rule due to the length of his membership on the VTA BPAC.

The Sunnyvale BPAC developed a recommendation for Sunnyvale's appointee to serve on the VTA BPAC at its June 19, 2008 meeting. David Simons is recommended for re-appointment by the Sunnyvale BPAC. The VTA Board Clerk has specifically directed that alternates not be designated.

**BACKGROUND**

The VTA BPAC was formed in 1998 to advise the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Board of Directors on matters related to bicycling and walking. Typical duties involve review of regional plans related to bicycling and walking, review of funding proposals for projects, and consideration of specialized issues of regional or cross-jurisdictional significance. Mr. David Simons has been Sunnyvale's representative to the VTA BPAC since its inception.

## **EXISTING POLICY**

Land Use and Transportation Element R1.3.1, Participate in intergovernmental activities related to regional and sub-regional land use and transportation planning in order to advance the City's interests.

## **DISCUSSION**

The VTA has requested that the City renew its appointment to the VTA BPAC. The City can either re-appoint David Simons, its current representative, or select a new member from the ranks of the City BPAC. The BPAC has considered this issue and recommends the re-appointment of David Simons. Mr. Simons is willing to continue to serve on the VTA BPAC.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

## **PUBLIC CONTACT**

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, in the Council Chambers lobby, in the Office of the City Clerk, at the Library, Senior Center, Community Center, and Department of Public Safety; posting the agenda and report on the City's Web site; and making the report available at the Library and the Office of the City Clerk.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

- A. Appoint David Simons to the VTA BPAC
- B. Select a different appointment from the membership of the City BPAC to serve on the VTA BPAC

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff and the BPAC recommend Alternative 1: that the City Council appoint David Simons to serve a two year term on the VTA BPAC.

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