



Council Meeting: June 12, 2012

SUBJECT: Appointment of a City Representative to Valley Transportation Authority El Camino Real Bus Rapid Transit Policy Advisory Board

BACKGROUND

Traditionally, in January of each year, the City Council fills a number of positions for intergovernmental (IGR) assignments. The City Council appoints members to a variety of intergovernmental agencies in order to represent the City's interests and to influence policies and regulations of other agencies. The City Council also ratifies the appointment of Councilmembers made by other organizations. From time to time appointments come up that require Council action outside of the normal timeframe.

The Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) has established the El Camino Real Bus Rapid Transit Policy Advisory Board (PAB) to provide local agency input on policy direction for the El Camino Real Bus Rapid Transit Project. VTA has provided one seat for a Sunnyvale City Council member on the PAB. City staff participates on a separate Project Development Team to provide technical input to the VTA on the project.

EXISTING POLICY

Council Policy Manual 7.3.12-1. City Councilmember Appointments to Intergovernmental Agencies

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DISCUSSION

The VTA's El Camino Real Bus Rapid Transit Project is considering enhanced rapid bus service in a corridor from HP Pavilion in San Jose to the Palo Alto Transit Center, along El Camino Real and The Alameda. The El Camino Real Bus Rapid Transit PAB is an avenue for local agency policy makers along the proposed corridor to provide policy input on project proposals and the findings of technical analyses. The PAB includes representatives from each city along the corridor.

Council Member Chris Moylan has held this assignment since 2011. Mayor Spitaleri has accepted the resignation of Council Member Moylan from this

assignment. Staff recommends that the Council appoint a Councilmember to serve until January, 2013.

The PAB meets generally every three months. The next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Friday, September 14, 2012.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to making an appointment to the PAB.

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

1. Appoint a Council Member to serve an intergovernmental assignment on the VTA El Camino Real Bus Rapid Transit Policy Advisory Board to serve until January, 2013.
2. Do not appoint a Councilmember to serve on the VTA El Camino Real Bus Rapid Transit Policy Advisory Board.
3. Take no action at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Alternative No. 1, appoint a Council Member to serve an intergovernmental assignment on the VTA El Camino Real Bus Rapid Transit Policy Advisory Board to serve until January, 2013.

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