



LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE MINUTES  
APRIL 12, 2018 | 6 PM  
SUNNYVALE CITY HALL | WEST CONFERENCE ROOM  
456 WEST OLIVE AVENUE | SUNNYVALE, CA

Legislative Action Committee Chair Marico Sayoc called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM

Present at the meeting:

Campbell – Jeffrey Cristina 6:16 PM  
Cupertino – Rod Sinks  
Gilroy – Peter Leroe-Muñoz  
Los Altos – Jan Pepper  
Los Altos Hills – Gary Waldeck  
Los Gatos – Marico Sayoc  
Millpitas – Anthony Phan 6:20 PM  
Monte Sereno – Burton Craig  
Morgan Hill – Steve Tate  
Mountain View – Lenny Siegel  
Palo Alto – absent  
San Jose – Charles “Chappie” Jones  
Santa Clara – Debi Davis  
Saratoga – Mary-Lynne Bernald  
Sunnyvale – Larry Klein

Also present:

Jeannie Bruins, Los Altos  
Andi Jordan, Executive Director  
Michael Lomios, Silicon Valley Leadership  
Group

**Consent Agenda-** motion to approve the Minutes of the March 2018 meeting by Chappie Jones and a second by Gary Waldeck. The motion was unanimously approved 12-0-2 vote (Peter Leroe-Muñoz abstained, Anthony Phan absent, Greg Scharff absent.)

**Cities Association President Rod Sinks discussed the VTA transit guideway study.** Phase 1 has been complete and upwards of \$1 million dollars or more is needed to complete the study as VTA money is tied up in Measure B litigation. Rod Sinks request is to send a request to the VTA Board to continue the Funding for the Highway 85 study out of Measure A 2000 funds (which is where Phase I study funds came). Recent survey of employees that serve a high school district in West San Jose, Cupertino and Sunnyvale & small parts of other communities say they are 68% satisfied with their jobs and yet 56% plan on leaving their jobs within 6 years because they can't afford housing and the long commutes. After discussion, Rod Sinks motioned to send the VTA Board a letter requesting that the VTA Board find a way to pay for the SR 85 Study through phase 3. Motion seconded by Mary-Lynne Bernald.

Motion passes 11-0-2 (Peter Leroe-Muñoz, Steve Tate abstained, Anthony Phan & Greg Scharff not present).

**Legislative updates:** Andi Jordan and Marico Sayoc have created a Legislative Watch list. Members are allowed to request that the Committee follow or take action on any piece of legislation.

Larry Klein motioned, with a second by Rod Sinks, to **send a letter to Senator Scott Weiner**

1. Many of our member cities have opposed SB 827
2. Cities Association of Santa Clara County hasn't taken a position

3. appreciate the amendments to SB 827
4. like to begin a dialogue with you

Anthony Phan, Milpitas, asked for the letter to say “a number” instead of “many”. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Motion passes 12-0-2 with Jeff Cristina, Campbell, and Anthony Phan, Milpitas, abstaining. Greg Scharff absent.

Marico Sayoc, Rod Sinks, Larry Klein, Lenny Siegel will help formulate letter.

**UPDATE:** An in-person invitation was given to Senator Scott Wiener at the Regional Economic Forum on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Senator Wiener will attend if his calendar allows.

Legislative Committee Chair Marico Sayoc, Los Gatos, asked the members to review the legislative list and ballot measure list to see if there was anything they wished to discuss.

RM3 Discussion: Lenny Siegel, Mountain View, asked if there has been discussion of Regional Measure 3 and asked if it could be discussed. Lenny Siegel is concerned that in the lead up to the 2016 Measure B election:

- Many cities worked hard to ensure that the funding was shared throughout the county and RM3 funding is centralized in San Jose.
- While not against BART or San Jose, the funding allocation process failed to include the North County and West Valley Cities of Santa Clara County.
- Transit investments should address the real transit needs. North County & West Valley will continue to be ignored unless we are at the table with these discussions.

Rod Sinks, Cupertino, added that in a discussion with Senator Beall, Senator Beall stated the funding requests came from VTA, Nuria Fernandez. Sinks stated he felt this was a bad process:

- The allocation of funding was a done deal by the time the bill was put together.
- Bill was a done deal before anyone new about the bill
- Bill was a “gut and stuff” as the bill began as a Cal Trains bill.
- Allocation didn’t go before VTA Board.
- No collaboration

Chappie Jones, San Jose, posed the question “are you proposing that we oppose a measure that our residents don’t pay the tax and yet they benefit?”. This particular measure is not the measure to take a stand.

Lenny Siegel, Mountain View, said we have a responsibility to our employees as well as a citizen and I’m proposing that we take a position of “do not support”, not opposed.

Jeannie Bruins, Council Member, Los Altos, spoke to issue as she was VTA Chair at time this bill was proposed. Senator Beall and contingent that he led asked transit agencies a request with very little criteria and maybe 72 hours of response time. Some of the list was given accepted and some was rejected. We were then given more definition. All of the agencies were displeased with proposals. How to define a bridge corridor – only 2% of tolls are paid by Santa Clara residents. I’m with Chappie Jones. I encourage you to take no action if you can’t support.

Larry Klein, Sunnyvale, asked Bruins a few questions:

1. How are future projects defined for CPI increases in the future?
  - a. Bruins responded: There is nothing in the bill. It’s permanent. We need to make good on what the bill is supposed to fund. There could be ongoing fund

2. 2 project lists were mentioned, the list now and a second list of future projects. Are the lists available?
  - a. Bruins responded she does not have the lists. Seeing 101 express lanes was encouraging, SR 85 was hard pressed to make it the list because it isn't tied to a bridge. Senator Beall is a big proponent of bringing BART to San Jose.
  - b. Lenny Siegel commented that express lanes on 101 works against what we are trying to do in terms of transportation demand management, trying to limit Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) to North Bayshore to 45%. Express lanes (HOV) allows people to pay to drive SOV in HOV.

**Motion:** Rod Sinks, Cupertino, motioned to "do not support" RM3, seconded by Lenny Siegel, Mountain View.

Vote failed (2-7-5, 1 absent)

- 2 ayes (Rod Sinks, Lenny Siegel),
- 7 nos (Marico Sayoc, Burton Craig, Steve Tate, Anthony Phan, Peter Leroe-Muñoz, Chappie Jones, Jeffrey Cristina)
- 6 abstentions (Mary-Lynne Bernald, Debi Davis, Larry Klein, Gary Waldeck, Jan Pepper).

**Motion:** Anthony Phan, Milpitas, motion to support RM3, seconded by Peter Leroe-Muñoz, Gilroy.

Vote failed (5-3-5, 1 absent)

5 ayes (Peter Leroe-Muñoz, Anthony Phan, Steve Tate, Burton Craig, Jeffrey Cristina, Chappie Jones)

3 nos (Rod Sinks, Lenny Siegel, Mary-Lynne Bernald)

5 abstentions (Debi Davis, Jan Pepper, Gary Waldeck, Larry Klein, Marico Sayoc)

Meeting adjourned at 7: 06 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Andi Jordan  
Executive Director