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# **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

# SUBJECT

Appoint One City Councilmember to Serve as Member and Another to Serve as Alternate on the Valley Transportation Authority State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board

# BACKGROUND

Traditionally, in January of each year, the City Council fills a number of positions for intergovernmental (IGR) assignments. Council appoints members to a variety of IGR 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.

On August 6, 2015 the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) established a State Route (SR) 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board (PAB). The PAB was established to ensure that stakeholder cities on the SR 85 corridor are involved in projects that affect the corridor and have the opportunity to provide input and recommendations to the VTA Board of Directors. The mission of the PAB is to study the long-term transit and transportation plan to serve the SR 85 corridor.

# EXISTING POLICY

**Council Policy 7.4.12 Council Appointments to Intergovernmental Agencies**. 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.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

N/A

#### DISCUSSION

VTA has provided for one seat for a Sunnyvale City Councilmember to serve as a member of the PAB. In addition, VTA has requested the appointment of an alternate to ensure that Sunnyvale has representation on the PAB if the appointed member cannot attend. A letter from VTA requesting the appointment is included as Attachment 1. VTA expects the PAB to meet quarterly. Given the timing of the appointment, staff suggests the appointees serve through the 2016 calendar year.

# FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to making an appointment to the Policy Advisory Board.

# PUBLIC CONTACT

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

the City Clerk and on the City's website.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

- 1. Appoint a Councilmember to serve as member and another to serve as alternate on the Valley Transportation Authority State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board.
- 2. Do not appoint a Councilmember and alternate Councilmember to serve on the State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board.
- 3. Take no action at this time.

# STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Alternative 1: Appoint a Councilmember to serve as member and another to serve as alternate on the Valley Transportation Authority State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board.

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#### ATTACHMENT

1. VTA Letter