

**SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
1250 SAN CARLOS AVENUE, SAN CARLOS, CA 94070
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT: E. Beach, C. Groom, D. Horsley, J. Mates, R. Medina (Chair),
Via M. Nagales, C. Romero (Vice Chair)
Teleconference

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: C. Mau, A. Chan, J. Hurley, H. El-Guindy, S. van Hoften, P. Gilster,
P. Skinner, J. Williams, J. Brook, D. Seamans

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rico Medina called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

2. SWEARING-IN

a) Don Horsley (Board of Supervisors Representative)

Director Don Horsley was sworn in by Dora Seamans, Authority Secretary, for a two-year term expiring December 2023.

3. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Seamans confirmed that a quorum was present. Chair Medina requested that Director Julia Mates lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments.

5. REPORT OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chair Medina noted that the report was posted on the website.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a) Adoption of Resolution Making Findings that the Proclaimed State of Emergency for COVID-19 Continues to Impact the Board's and Committees' Ability to Meet Safely in Person – Approved by Resolution No. 2022-5**
- b) Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of January 6, 2022**
- c) Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Period Ending December 31, 2021**
- d) Acceptance of Quarterly Investment Report and Fixed Income Market Review and Outlook**

Motion/Second: Horsley/Romero

Ayes: Beach, Groom, Horsley, Mates, Medina, Nagales, Romero

Noes: None

Absent: None

7. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

a) Resolution of Appreciation for Former Chair Emily Beach – Approved by Resolution No. 2022-6

Chair Medina thanked Director Beach for keeping projects and meetings on track during her tenure as Chair.

Motion/Second: Romero/Mates

Ayes: Beach, Groom, Horsley, Mates, Medina, Nagales, Romero

Noes: None

Absent: None

8. SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT LIAISON REPORT

Chair Medina said that the report was posted on the website and provided a brief summary of Board actions. He thanked staff and SamTrans Directors Stone, Gee, and Pine for their efforts at the recent Caltrain Board meeting.

9. JOINT POWERS BOARD LIAISON REPORT

Carter Mau, Acting Executive Director, said the report was posted on the website.

He said the Joint Powers (Caltrain) Board (JPB) approved the sale of \$140 million in bonds backed by Measure RR. He noted that he presented the Pathway Forward proposal to the JPB as part of the JPB governance discussion. He added that the Pathway Forward proposal had been presented to the SamTrans Board on February 2, where they approved it for presentation at the February 3 JPB meeting.

10. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Mau said that his report was in the packet. He noted the success of the TA-sponsored Complete Streets webinar with over 70 attendees. He noted that the TA participated in a press event on infrastructure investment with Congresswoman Jackie Speier on January 14.

11. PROGRAM

a) Program Report: Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project Update

April Chan, Chief Officer, Planning, Grants/Transportation Authority, introduced the report. Michelle Bouchard, Acting Executive Director, Caltrain, provided a brief background of the project and introduced her team. Pranaya Shrestha, Chief Officer, CalMod, provided the presentation with Casey Fromson, Chief Communications Officer.

Director Julia Mates asked if there was consideration in using PCE (Peninsula Clean Energy) for electrification instead of PG&E (Pacific Gas and Electric). Mr. Shrestha acknowledged Caltrain's long-term relationship with PG&E and said they had hired a

consultant to help them identify 100 percent clean energy for the program. Ms. Bouchard said Ms. Chan's planning/sustainability team had conducted a draft energy study for Caltrain and the team was exploring ways to incorporate clean energy policies. She said that Caltrain will be looking at the near- and medium-term needs for energy and will determine who best to provide that. She said that more information will follow in future presentations and updates on PCEP (Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project).

Director Emily Beach asked about the state budget timeline as it relates to securing potential grants for the funding gap for the project. Ms. Fromson said the Governor was due to sign the budget in June.

Director Don Horsley questioned why Caltrain had brought in a new group of experts since the beginning of the project, which is \$400 million over budget. He said he thought that the required experts to manage the project should have been brought in at the beginning. Ms. Bouchard clarified that Mr. Shrestha was brought in for the electrification project just recently and that Robert Barnard, who joined Caltrain in 2021 as the Deputy Chief for Rail Development, was brought in to help oversee the delivery of the Caltrain capital program that is outside of PCEP.

Director Beach asked for clarification on the \$200 million super-contingency and funding sources to support this. Ms. Chan noted that the purpose of the super-contingency, outside of the \$1.9 billion original price tag for the project, was to help Caltrain secure the \$647 million FTA (Federal Transit Administration) Core Capacity grant. She added that the TA is one of four funding partners for the \$200 million super-contingency.

Vice Chair Carlos Romero asked what amount the TA is responsible for. Ms. Chan said that \$50 million was the initial contribution required by each of the four funding partners, and that Caltrain needs to seek out other sources to fund cost overruns. Joan Cassman, Legal Counsel, said the TA has no contractual commitment with FTA. Mr. Mau emphasized that the lack of resolution to the governance discussion is hampering the ability to secure the additional funding to complete the Caltrain electrification project.

Vice Chair Romero asked if the \$108 million in contingency noted on Slide 8 of the presentation would be available for potential overruns. Mr. Shrestha said that amount is aggregated into a contingency that would be available for overruns. Vice Chair Romero asked how much below-grade work is left and Mr. Shrestha said it is mainly at the crossings. He said he would get back to the Board with a dollar figure.

Director Beach asked if there was an identified source of additional funding. Ms. Chan said it was mainly from Measure A Caltrain category. She said Ms. Bouchard's and Ms. Fromson's teams would be providing the Board with regular updates of funding availability.

b) San Mateo 101 Express Lanes Quarterly Project Update

Ms. Chan introduced Leo Scott, Co-Project Manager, Gray-Bowen-Scott, who provided the presentation.

Director Mark Nagales said he appreciated the community outreach being in different languages. Mr. Scott explained details about the contingency, which he said could be

used for whatever is needed although it was originally earmarked for specific things such as additional electrical work or traffic handling or increased asphalt prices.

Vice Chair Romero asked about the risk exposure figures. Mr. Scott said it may be 25 percent time related.

Chair Medina said he had heard feedback from constituents about construction debris on the roads. Mr. Scott said the Caltrans has a claims process for windshield damage, and added that there had not been an increase in claims due to the Express Lanes project.

12. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Casey Fromson, Chief Communications Officer, introduced the TA's state advocate Gus Khouri, Principal, Khouri Consulting LLC, who provided an update on state legislation.

13. REQUESTS FROM THE AUTHORITY

There were no requests.

14. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE AUTHORITY

Chair Medina noted that the correspondence was available on the website.

15. DATE/TIME OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Chair Medina announced that the next meeting would be on Thursday, March 3, 2022, 5:00 pm via Zoom teleconference.

16. REPORT OF LEGAL COUNSEL

Joan Cassman, Legal Counsel, said that there was nothing to report.

17. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

An audio/video recording of this meeting is available online at www.smcta.com. Questions may be referred to the Authority Secretary's office by phone at 650.508.6242 or by email to board@smcta.com.