

Report of the TA Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting of February 1, 2022

Committee Action

- Approved the Minutes of the CAC Meeting of January 4, 2022

Committee Motions Regarding TA Board Items for February 3, 2022

- Approved the 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
- Accepted the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Period Ending December 31, 2021
- Accepted the Quarterly Investment Report and Fixed Income Market Review and Outlook

Discussion Highlights

Program Report: Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project Update

Joe Hurley, TA Director, introduced Pranaya Shrestha, Chief Officer, CalMod, who provided the presentation with Jadie Wasilco, Manager, Government and Community Affairs.

Dave Reed asked about the contingencies. Mr. Shrestha said that there is a contingency of \$40 million that is directly tied to the project and that contingency will be used for anything unforeseen or for items that are out of contract scope. He said they had done a complete budget scrub and risk assessment.

Sandra Lang asked about the effect of PG&E's (Pacific Gas and Electric) Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) program on outages. Mr. Shrestha said to mitigate the effect of PSPS on outages, each substation has two separate feeds.

Vice Chair John Fox asked if there was a publicity program that communicates to the public about the electrification project. Mr. Shrestha said the Communications team is keeping the public well informed. Ms. Wasilco said they work closely with city staff about the best ways to reach the residents of individual communities, including social media, press releases, and city council meetings.

San Mateo 101 Express Lanes Quarterly Project Update

Leo Scott, Co-Project Manager, Gray-Bowen-Scott, provided the presentation.

Mr. Hurley commented that they have and continue work with a very lean contingency for the project.

Diana Bautista noted that the merge lane going southbound on US 101 from I-380 was gone but the signage still refers to the lane drop.

An Chen said she was pleased that the contingency had not been raised when so many other projects that she is familiar with have had significant cost increases. She asked if drivers would need to purchase new transponders. Mr. Scott said they could use their current non-switchable transponder but would be charged as a single-occupant vehicle. He provided information on how drivers can exchange their old tag or order a new switchable tag. April Chan, Chief Officer, Planning, Grants/Transportation Authority, added that SMCEL-JPA (San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority) will also have all the FasTrak information on their website.

State and Federal Legislative Update

Amy Linehan, Public Affairs Specialist, provided a summary of federal and state legislation. She said the state legislature began their 2022 legislative session and the Governor recently released his budget, which includes significant new funding for various projects including transportation infrastructure. She noted that there was \$2 billion in the Governor's budget for priority transit and rail projects and \$500 million for grade separations and grade processing improvement projects.

On the federal side, Ms. Linehan said the government is still operating under a continuing resolution that expires February 18. She said they will need another continuing resolution to continue beyond this date.

Report of the Chair

Chair Barbara Arietta gave a report on Caltrain governance. She said that the JPB (Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board) will be presenting a new report at their February 3 Board meeting.

Report from Staff

Mr. Hurley noted the recent TA-sponsored Complete Streets webinar that took place on January 25. He said that the TA updated the South San Francisco City Council on January 12 on the state of the environmental process and technical studies regarding managed lanes north of I-380 to the San Francisco County line. He said the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening of the Express Lanes would be on February 10 at 10:00 am and that the CAC members would be invited to participate virtually.