

**Report from the TA Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting of October 5, 2021**

The TA CAC meeting held on October 5 was chaired by John Fox due to Chair Barbara Arietta's inability to access Internet via cell phone service. Chair Arietta did participate by calling in from a landline.

The committee met online via a Zoom meeting with TA staff. The CAC heard presentations and reviewed reports, and there were both informational items as well as agenda items requiring a motion with roll call vote.

The informational items were

- CAC Item 5 - Public Comment for items not on the agenda - there was no public comment offered.
- CAC Item 6a (TA board 11a)- Program report: South San Francisco Caltrain Station Improvement Project Update
- Rob Barnard gave us a summary of the project status. Historically this project lost several years due to unexpected utilities and buried utilities requiring relocation. Costs have been brought in line with the later expanded budget, and it appears that completion will be November 2021. It also looks like roughly \$8M of budget will be unspent and can be returned to the TA. Many photographs show the near completion of the new platform and station improvements. Considerable effort has gone into lighting, for both security and esthetics. Rob was able to show night views of the platform and station to emphasize the security lighting. The details in process include demolition of the temporary platforms, landscaping and final attention to the parking lots. Rich Hedges commented on how this new station is a big improvement over the old station. Public comment was offered, the sense was while the new station is an improvement, details such as escalators, or an elevator, would be important for ease of use. There was also a sense that better coordination for bus and surface transit transfers would have been valuable design investments.
- CAC Item 5b (TA Board Item 10b) Program report : Pedestrian and Bicycle Program Update

Jennifer Williams gave a summary overview of the 5 program cycles that have been funded through measure A and Measure W. There has been attention to county-wide benefit, a map was shown showing the equity in project locations and efforts to invest both Coastside and on the denser population corridor. We can all

be proud that the Ralston Avenue project was awarded "Best Project of the Year" from the American Public Works Association, Silicon Valley Chapter.

- CAC item 6(c) TA board Item 11(c) Program Report: Safe routes to Schools

Jennifer Williams and Theresa Valley-Kelly (San Mateo County Office of Education) gave a detailed presentation of the value of the Safe Routes investments, with examples of completed projects as well as proposals in the pipeline. In 2021 there are 13 projects funded, for 2022 there are 9 projects scheduled. There were many comments from the CAC members on the importance of this program, and the value to the whole community for these investments. There was a sense that while focused on school age children, many of the investments can serve to encourage everyone to consider walking, biking or transit modes other than by private car. There were many comments from CAC members on how projects in their own communities were executed and the positive impact they see in this program. While the % of the TA budget in Bike and Pedestrian projects is small (3% measure A, 5% measure W) everyone is aware of the benefits.

- CAC Item 5e (TA board Item 12) - State and Federal Legislative Update

Ryan McCauley briefed the CAC on both Federal and State legislation in process. The federal situation is still in flux, a continuing resolution was passed which can continue funding for existing programs. What will happen with budget reconciliation and with the infrastructure bills? At the State level, the legislative session is over, 700 bills are with the Governor for 30 day review and signature. There were several legislative actions that were important to the TA, including AB1499 (passed), SB 339 (passed) and ACA 1 (tabled).

There were agenda items requiring a motion and vote.

- CAC Item 3 Approval of CAC Minutes from August 31, 2021

Minutes were approved unanimously.

- CAC item 4 - Approval of the 2022 TA CAC Calendar.

The motion passed unanimously.

- CAC item 6(e) TA Board Item 6(b) Acceptance of Statements and Revenue and expenditures for Fiscal year Ending June 30, 2021 - Joe Hurley emphasized these are unaudited statements.

The motion passed unanimously.

- CAC Item 6(f), TA board Item 6(c) - Acceptance Statement of revenues and Expenditures for period ending August 31, 2021

Joe Hurley reported that sales tax revenues are up compared to 2020. The motion to accept passed unanimously.

- CAC Item 6(g) TA Board Item 6(d) Reaffirm the San Mateo County Transportation Authority Investment Policy and Reauthorize the Investment of Monies with the Local Agency Investment Funds - Joe Hurley explained that there has been no change in investment managers, or policies.

The motion passed unanimously.

- CAC Item 6(h) TA Board Item 6(e) Authorize the filing of Highway Program call for Projects Applications and Adopt a resolution of Support of Three Countywide Significant projects. Joe Hurley explained that the call was closed and evaluated by staff. Three projects have been selected as especially significant in terms of the TA priorities and county benefits: US 101/SR 92 Interchange Area Improvement, US 101/SR 92 Interchange Direct Connector, and US 101 Managed Lanes Project - North of I-380.

The motion passed unanimously.

- CAC Item 6(i) TA Board Item 6(f) Proclamation Declaring the Month of October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month

The motion passed unanimously.

- CAC Item 6(j), TA board Item 6(g) - Acceptance of Measure A and Measure W Semiannual Program Status Report.

The motion to accept passed unanimously.

The meeting concluded with

Report of the Chair

Barbara Arietta told of the continuation of the Caltrain/JPB Governance meetings.

Stakeholders in this management include JPB, MTC, and the counties. Barbara says things are at least getting clearer that there will be a model that includes SamTrans in governance, and also there is focus on increased oversight of the executive director. There will be more discussion of the path forward at the October 22 workshop. Barbara comments that should the parties not reach a resolution, the final authority would be the State governance through legislation.

Report from Staff

Joe Hurley reported on the recent September 17 ribbon-cutting for the 25th Avenue grade crossing, and invites the CAC and all to attend the October 13 event in Half Moon Bay for the Route 1 project.

Joe Hurley and Barbara Arietta have considered using a consent calendar for future CAC meetings, to help the group use the meeting time productively. The suggestion is to calendar the identical items as the TA board.

Report from Members

There was discussion on the idea for the consent calendar, Dave Reed agrees it makes sense to use the meeting time more productively and streamline the many formal votes. Rich Hedges thinks we should look at the items proposed for November, but not formally adopt the consent calendar until the December meeting.

Vice-Chair Fox expressed thanks to all the meeting presenters, as well as Jean Brook for her consistent skill keeping the Zoom meeting running smoothly.

The meeting was adjourned, the next meeting will be November 2.

Submitted October 7, 2021

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